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DRASTIC 24-HOUR ULTIMATUM TO FINLAND BY SOVIET UNION

CESSION OF LARGE AREA DEMANDED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, MARCH 8 (UP).—THE STOCKHOLM CORRESPONDENT OF THE PARIS "SOIR" REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS DELIVERED AN ULTIMATUM TO HELSINGFORS.

The ultimatum demands:

1.—Cession to Russia of the entire Karelian Isthmus area, which would include the Mannerheim Line of fortifications;

2.—Cession of all territory east of the western shores of Lake Ladoga;

3.—Cession of northern Lapland.

The ultimatum expires at midnight on Friday.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Confirmation of this report comes from the Finnish Government itself.

An official statement has been issued in Helsingfors. It says:

"According to information in possession of the Finnish Government, the Soviet Government is believed to have planned to present demands on Finland more far-reaching in character than those presented last autumn.

"Details of the demands are so far lacking."

It is presumed that the new Russian demands would be in addition to those made last November.

DESTRUCTION OF DEFENCES

The Paris "Soir" states that the demands, if conceded, will end in the destruction of Finland's eastern defences.

The Russian claims include cession of Viborg, Finland's second city, and the entire Lake Ladoga area and its countless islands. The Mannerheim Line stretches from Viborg in the south to the western shores of Lake Ladoga and this entire area would be lost.

In the far north, the Russians are demanding the entire Arctic coastal area.

DANGER TO NORWAY

The effect of this would be that, in addition to Finland's loss of the Petsamo region and her only port in the Arctic, Russia would, for the first time since it became sovietized, have a common frontier with Norway.

In addition the claims for territorial cession on the mainland, Russia has reiterated its demand for the Hangoe group of islands and Hangoe peninsula.

The Hangoe group is at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland. Russia has already forced Estonia, on the other side of the Gulf, to cede strategical positions, so that cession of Hangoe will permit her to bottle the Gulf of Finland from either side at will.

The "Soir," which quotes a reliable Finnish source, states that M. Vaino Tanner, the Finnish Foreign Minister, returned to Helsingfors from Stockholm on February 29, accompanied by an envoy from King Gustav.

This envoy is stated to have personally transmitted the Russian ultimatum to a plenary session of the Finnish Cabinet.

The Paris "Soir" correspondent states that the Finnish Cabinet split on the subsequent discussions.

Nazis Mediating

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 7 (UP).—The "Ekstra Bladet" reports that Germany is playing the biggest role as mediator in the Russo-Finnish War.

Sweden feels that she is unable to mediate alone, the newspaper declares.

It declares that the recent trip to Berlin of Sven Hedin, Sweden's famous explorer, was for the purpose of insisting to his friends, Hitler and Ribbentrop, that it was vitally necessary for Germany to effect a prompt settlement of the Finnish War.

Hedin is believed to have warned Hitler that the Scandinavian countries would become involved in the European War if the Allies intervened in Finland.

The report states that Hitler promptly initiated negotiations. These are still in their early stage

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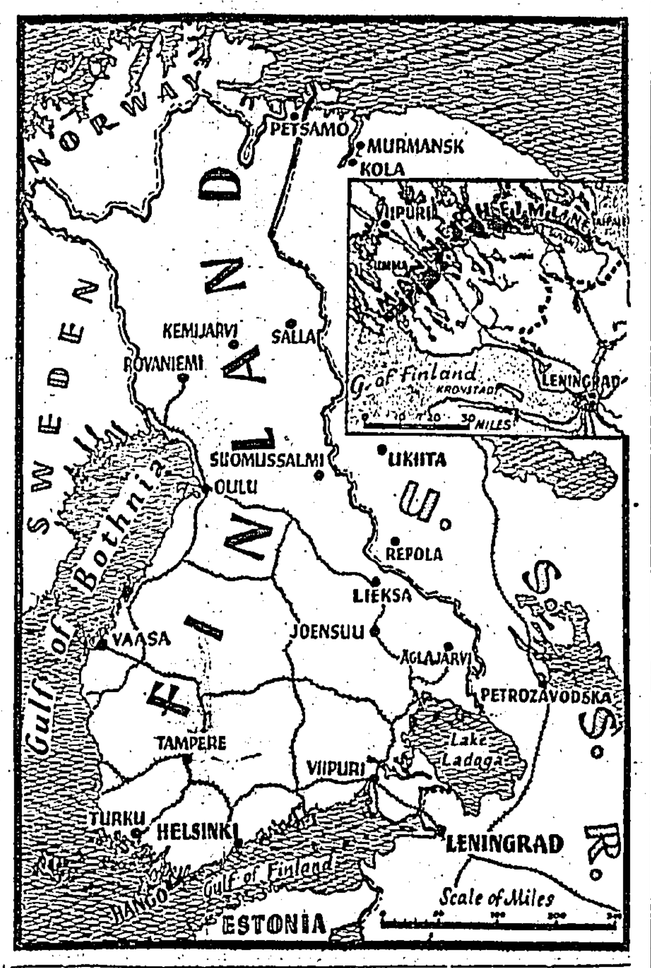

Spitfires Bring Down Enemy Raider After Thrilling Duel In Sub-Stratosphere Far Above Clouds

DOG-FIGHT FIVE MILES ABOVE THE EARTH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—One of the most spectacular air battles of the war was fought out of sight of spectators on the earth below to-day, when Britain's 362 m.p.h. Spitfires engaged a Nazi plane in the sub-stratosphere five miles above Scotland.

The Spitfires went up to engage the enemy—a Heinkel bomber—after it had been reported over Aberdeenshire.

The enemy flew at a great height in order to avoid 4.7 anti-aircraft guns which went into action immediately it was sighted.

The A.A. guns ceased firing as soon as the Spitfires appeared.

One of the Spitfires which was piloted by a Dominion air ace got in a burst of machine-gun fire which crippled the enemy.

It went into a tail spin from which the German pilot skilfully brought it out just before he reached the sea.

The Heinkel, out of action, landed on the sea.

The R.A.F. machines then circled around until the enemy plane sank below the surface.

Thrilling Incidents

This was only one of several thrilling incidents along the entire coast to-day as Nazi planes continued their operations against shipping.

The small coastal steamer Shrosedene (376 tons) was the target of no less than twelve bombs off the east coast. Not one hit was scored and, although the ship was subsequently machine-gunned, it made port without casualties.

R.A.F. Successes

Last night's reconnaissance flights by the R.A.F., it is revealed, was one of the most extensive series since the beginning of the war.

The planes flew a total of 10,000 miles covering Bremen, Hanover, Hamburg, Wilhemshaven and Cuxhaven.

Dog Fight Off East Coast

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—British figures engaged two German planes off the east coast of England this evening.

Onlookers saw a raider almost collide with a British fighter before climbing into the clouds where a dog fight followed.

A second raider then appeared with two British planes in close pursuit.

Three other British planes also arrived on the scene and the raiders were driven out to sea with the fighters chasing them.

It is learned that the plane shot down earlier to-day was a Heinkel and was shot down by Spitfires from a height of more than five miles above the sea east of Aberdeen.

The Spitfires—one pilot is a New Zealander—attacked in turns as the enemy dived.

The Heinkel, out of action, landed on the water. The Spitfires circled about for five minutes until the enemy machine sank.

Attack On Shipping

LONDON, Mar. 7. (Reuter).—Six explosions were heard off the south-east about 8 p.m. followed by the rattle of machine-gun fire.

It was reported that a German plane dropped bombs near shipping.

There were no hits or casualties. The bombs fell in pairs and exploded on striking the water.

SPITFIRES FLY AT 362 m.p.h.

SPEED of the Supermarine Spitfire, Britain's fastest fighter in regular service, is 362 m.p.h. at 18,500ft.

The Spitfire climbs to 11,000ft. in 4min. 48sec., equal to a vertical ascent at 26 miles an hour.

The De Havilland Flamingo air liner has been recorded as having a top speed of 243 m.p.h. and a cruising speed at 5,000ft. of 227 m.p.h.

RUMANIA TO STAY NEUTRAL

Impressive Speech By King Carol

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Mar. 7 (UP).—Dressed in the olive drab uniform of a General in the Royal Guard, with a great white cloak bearing the Order of Saint Michael exposing his left shoulder, King Carol of Rumania to-day read one of the most impressive speeches before Parliament for the past ten years.

Crown Prince Michael, almost six feet tall, wore the field uniform of a Lieutenant.

Wild Applause

The atmosphere was one of a united wartime Parliament. There

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LATEST

ROOSEVELT DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 7 (UP).—Mrs. James (Betsy) Roosevelt has been granted a divorce.

The hearing lasted only one minute.

FINNS WILL FIGHT ON

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (UP).—It has been indicated by unofficial quarters that the Finns are prepared to carry on the fight and will not make any territorial concessions, particularly with regard to the Hango Peninsula.

Cunarder's Dramatic Voyage

"That's Doin' 'Itler In The Eye"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Queen Elizabeth steamed to New York at almost full speed. She was protected by a screen of naval vessels.

She avoided the normal steamer lane to New York and went by a northern route most of the way.

"Splendid! Very good work indeed," was Mr. Winston Churchill's comment on the safe transport of the Queen Elizabeth.

"That's doin' little old 'Itler in the eye," says the Man-In-The-Street. "How's old Nasty goin' to explain this one away."

However, the Air Ministry view the accomplishment as a reminder that mass air raids may be expected in the near future.

Complete Surprise

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The giant British liner Queen Elizabeth has brought to an end her strange maiden voyage.

She lay in quarantine to-day waiting for the late afternoon tide to take her up to her berth.

Although hundreds of people must have seen her leave the Clyde ten days ago, the announcement made on Wednesday night that she was nearing the United States came as a complete surprise not only to Germany but to thousands of people on both sides of the Atlantic.

She was first sighted yesterday by plane outside American territorial waters. The plane refused to disclose her exact position.

She was making her way through smooth seas, the thick smoke belching from her two funnels up into a cloud dotted sky.

Her decks looked bare and lifeless. She carried no identification marks but the Red Ensign was broken from her stern as the plane circled overhead.

She is painted grey all over.

"Audacious" Voyage

The Queen Elizabeth carried no passengers but she had a number of technical experts on board as, in addition to this being her maiden voyage, the journey was also in the future of a trial trip.

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Secret Air Estimates Introduced In The

MASTERY OF SKY BRITAIN'S AIM

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Kingsley Wood, speaking on the Air Estimates, said that for reasons of security the amount of the Estimates would not be disclosed.

Sir Kingsley added: "I can state that our Air Estimates this year are of an unprecedented character and involve by far the greatest efforts and expenditure ever made by this country in any year in relation to our air defences.

"I should like to say that these Estimates represent only part of a further action we are taking and propose to take in conjunction with our Empire overseas and with our Allies.

"Our expenditure and efforts cannot be limited to this year, but they must be continued and intensified until we have achieved our fixed resolve—the establishment of our mastery in the air."

R.A.F. Doing Great Work

Sir Kingsley mentioned that aircraft bomber commands and the British air forces in France had carried out night and day over 1,000 sorties well into German territory.

A fighter in France, a great many of whom are being used in action over the Siegfried Line, had taken off on more than 2,000 times for patrol, pursuit and combat, he said. Our fighters had amply proved their worth.

Already, he said, without a single loss on our side they had brought down some 40 German aircraft round our coasts and we knew that many more enemy planes had been forced down in neutral territory or in the sea.

As an illustration of the R.A.F. progress, Sir Kingsley said that when introducing last year's Estimates he had stated that the total strength of the R.A.F. was approaching 100,000. To-day the strength of one R.A.F. command alone had nearly reached that figure.

Units of the Coastal Command had flown more than 5,000,000 miles since the outbreak of the war. They had sighted submarines on more than

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'Bomb Berlin' Demand In House of Commons

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Hugh Dalton asked for a definite assurance that all plans were completely prepared for our bombers to take immediate action against military targets in Germany in the event of any attempt being made to bomb London or any other objective in this country. (Cheers).

Mr. Dalton declared that a number of people connected with the production of aircraft were not altogether satisfied that even yet we were getting the maximum rate of output.

"There is some evidence that rather too many types of planes are under consideration," he declared.

Wants Long-Range Fighter

He questioned whether we had in use a fighter equal to the Messerschmitt 110.

"It is argued by persons of technical competence that we should now be producing a two-seater long-range fighter armed with cannon and capable of a speed of at least 350 miles an hour.

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes suggested that in order to secure more effective co-operation with the Navy in the protection of shipping in the North Sea, the coastal air force should be placed under the complete control of the Admiralty and that additional bomber and fighter squadrons be trained without delay.

Turks Shoot Down Plane

Bulgarian Machine Violates Territory

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 7 (UP).—It is officially announced that Turkish anti-aircraft batteries to-day shot down a Bulgarian plane.

The Bulgarian machine was flying over Turkish territory.

No Changes In Trade Disputes Act

LONDON, Mar 7 (Reuter).—It would be impracticable in war-time to introduce the necessary legislation to alter the provisions of the Trade Disputes Act of 1927, the Prime Minister told a deputation of the Trade Union Congress at 10 Downing Street to-day.

The deputation expressed profound disappointment and said that they would report the position to the General Council.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 28th Feb. Mar. 8.
Canton ..... Mar. 8.
Japan and Shanghai ..... Mar. 8.
Shanghai and Amoy ..... Mar. 8.
Shanghai ..... Mar. 8.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon . Mar. 9.
Japan and Shanghai ..... Mar. 9.
Sandakan ..... Mar. 9.
Shanghai ..... Mar. 9.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 2nd. March ..... Mar. 10.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd March ..... Mar. 10.
Canton ..... Mar. 10.
Japan and Shanghai ..... Mar. 10.
Saigon ..... Mar. 10.
Straits and Manila ..... Mar. 10.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 25th January). . Mar. 10.
U.S.A., and Manila—(San Francisco date, 17th Feb.) ..... Mar. 10.
Haiphong ..... Mar. 11.
Haiphong, Hollow and Fort Bayard Mar. 11.
Japan. ..... Mar. 11.
Japan and Shanghai ..... Mar. 12.
Shanghai ..... Mar. 12.
Straits and Palembang .... Mar. 12.

OUTWARD MAILS
Friday, March 8
Shanghai ..... 12.30 p.m.
Straits ..... 1.30 p.m.
Manila ..... 2.30 p.m.
Tientsin (Parcels only) .... 2.30 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 9
Canton ..... 7.15 a.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Straits, Ceylon and Egypt. ..... 9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, and Hollow .. 1.30 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th April.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg., ... 1.45 p.m.
Ord., ... 2.30 p.m.
Manila ..... 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 9th April.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. ..... Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
Saigon ..... 5.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan ..... 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th March.
Kowloon P. O.
Reg., ... Mar. 9, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg., ... Mar. 9, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... Mar. 11, 7.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 17th March
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg., ... 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... 5.30 p.m.
Yokohama, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 20th March.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. ..... 5.00 p.m.
Ord. ..... 5.30 p.m.
Saigon ..... 5.30 p.m.
Haiphong ..... 5.30 p.m.
Manila ..... 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, March 10
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. 9 a.m.
Shanghai ..... 9 a.m.
Japan ..... 9 a.m.
Monday, March 11
Haiphong ..... 1 p.m.
Canton ..... 7 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1940, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **THURSDAY**, the 21st **MARCH**, 1940, to **WEDNESDAY**, the 3rd **APRIL**, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

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12.30 Marek Weber & His Orch. with Webster Booth (Tenor).—

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Sea Shanties by John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

1.12 B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Johann Strauss.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Compositions of Gershwin.

6.28 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.30 Half an hour of Variety and Dance Music.

7.0 London Relay—"She is My Lovely." The first of a new series of light entertainment.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Ella Logan (Mezzo-Soprano) with A. T. Lay at the Piano.

(a) Linden Lea, (b) Fairings, (c) The Song my Mother Sang...Ella Logan; Little Ballad...A. T. Lay; (a) The Birds go North, (b) Husheen... Ella Logan.

8.30 Orchestral Selections.

8.50 Studio—Talk on Psychology by Father G. Byrne, S.J. 4: I Play with My Dog and Pet Monkey.

9.05 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 Chopin—Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11.—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

10.20 Violin Solos by Natan Milstein.

10.35 Spanish Music.

11.0 Close down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market has become listless having drifted into backwater. Consequently prices remain on the easy side.

	Buyers	Sales
Union Ins.	$480	
H.K. Steamboats		$10½
H.K. Electrics		$07.00
Dairy Farms (Old)		$22¾
Watsons		$-0½

Peiping's "Flower Street" Gutted

PEIPING, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—Flower Street, the famous Mecca of foreign tourists and wellknown for Chinese jewellery and curios, was burned down this morning. Over 70 shops were gutted, involving a loss of over $500,000.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4234.	Junction of Prince Edward Road & Argyle Street.	As per sale plan.				About 21,500	$246	$ 16,125

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stirling Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4235.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2860 & 4023, Stirling Road.	As per sale plan.				About 14,000	$ 160	$ 7,000

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4236.	Boundary Street between Sai Yeung Choi Street, Yeung Choi Street, Mongkok.	as per sale plan.				About 8,270	$ 152	$ 18,608

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2769.	Junction of Fuk Wing Street & Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan	as per sale plan.				About 11,800	$ 162	$ 7,080

Sensational Trial Likely

Alleged Fraud Through The U.S. Mails

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (UP).—The trial of the five alleged accomplices of Coster Musica began in the Federal Court to-day. Great sensations are promised.

They are charged with defrauding through the United States mails and violation of the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules. The accused include the brothers of Coster, George and Robert Musica.

CONCILIATION TREATIES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—It has been learned here that the United States is negotiating treaties of conciliation with Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand providing that any dispute arising between the Dominions and the United States shall be referred to a permanent Conciliation Commission consisting of five members, two of whom will represented the United States.

There will be a separate Commission for each Dominion.

The United States has already a conciliatory treaty with Britain but its references to the Dominions since the Statute of Westminster are regarded as out of date.

Arabs With The Allies

Near East Position Is Stronger Than Ever

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" special correspondent at Amman (Trans-Jordan) says: "My visit to Trans-Jordan has convinced me that if the war moves to the Near East, Britain will be in a far stronger defensive position than the Turks were in the last war.

"Britain is in the happy position of enjoying the complete confidence of the Arabs of Trans-Jordan and the Arabs will play an important part in defending the Allied lines of communication.

Enemy's Main Objectives

"The enemy's main objective would be the pipe-line from Kirkur to Tripoli and Haifa, which supplies oil for the Mediterranean Fleet and the Allied armies. He would also aim at the newly-built road alongside the pipe-line from Haifa to Baghdad and the Persian Gulf, which forms an alternative to the Suez Canal route to India.

"The Arabs would co-operate in the struggle not by attacking the enemy's lines of communication as in the last war but by defending the Allies' line."

HONGKONG CENSORS CRITICISED

Criticism of the Hongkong censors' action to opening transit U.S. mail has appeared in the "Christian Science Monitor", leading American newspaper.

The Shanghai correspondent of the newspaper alleged that American residents of Shanghai have been considerably exercised over recent receipt of mail from the United States which bore a rubber stamp of the Hongkong censors: "Passed by Censor Hongkong."

Paper's Complaint

The "Christian Science Monitor" correspondent says:

The question immediately arose as to what right British censors had to deal with mail in transit from the United States to American recipients at points other than Hongkong. An editorial on this point was published in the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post.

When the editorial was telegraphed to Hongkong by a British news agency here, it elicited a response that transit mail is normally passed by the Hongkong censors without opening. The stamp cited, it was said, was only an indication that the mail had passed through the censors' hands—not that it had been read.

It was further explained that mail which was actually censored was opened at the ends and then sealed with a piece of paper bearing the legend, "Opened by Censor, Hongkong."

The Evening Post retorted with front-page publication of an envelope sent to a neutral firm in Shanghai from Berne, Switzerland, which had been torn open at the end and sealed with a paper marked "Opened by Censor, Hongkong," despite the fact that it was transit mail.

Terming this an "outrageous violation of the clear rights of neutrals," the Post said it had learned of instances where mail had been opened and censored even though it was from a point within China (Swatow) and destined to another point within China (Shanghai).

Much American mail does not ordinarily pass through Hongkong but of late, certain ships have been routed from Japan direct to Hongkong without touching Shanghai. This means that the censors have a chance.

Old Tender Spot

The Hongkong Post Office is an old tender spot so far as Shanghai is concerned, for during the period of the 1937 hostilities it caused much trouble to this port.

All Shanghai mail from the outside world used to go to Hongkong during that period, and instead of sending it up the coast by the direct ships then plying, Hongkong used to send it instead to Canton which in turn would transmit it by rail to Hankow.

By the time it had progressed down-Yangtze from Hankow to its intended recipients, often a period of several weeks would have elapsed—not greatly to the benefit of Shanghai businessmen.

Decree For Laurence Olivier's Wife

A decree nisi, with costs, was granted in the Divorce Court to Mrs. Jill Esmond Olivier (Jill Esmond the actress) on the ground of the adultery of her husband, Mr. Laurence Kerr Olivier, the actor. The suit was not defended.

The case for Mrs. Olivier, whose address was given as Queen's Grove, N.W., was that the marriage was a very happy one for six years, but, in 1937, her husband told her he was in love with Mrs. Vivien Leigh Holman, with whom he had made films.

Mrs. Olivier was given the custody of the child.

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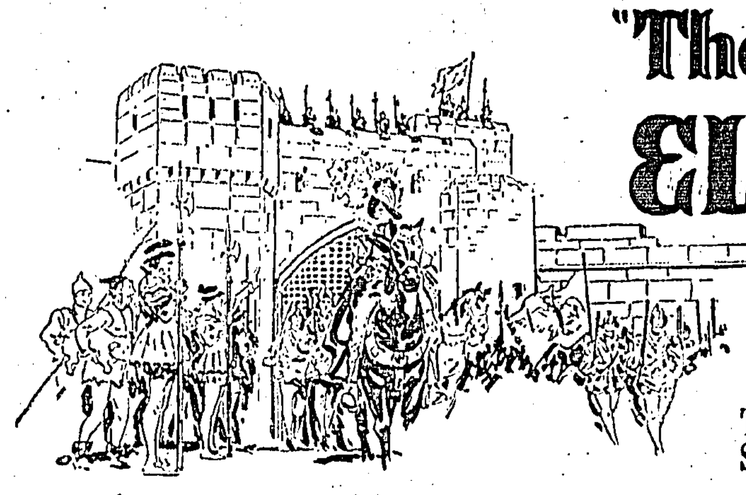

"The Private Lives of ELIZABETH AND ESSEX"

From The Warner Bros. Film Of The Same Name, Which Will Be Screened In Hongkong Shortly.

THE grim courtyard of the Tower of London was flooded with morning light.

Men-at-arms, the Queen's Guard, and other troops were being marched into position to form a hollow square; in a corner, the headsman, a brutal-faced man with a shaven head, sat on the execution block whetting his axe and whistling *"Lord Essex at Cadiz."*

A kitten sidled up to him. He fondled it, and went on testing the edge with gusto. When the protesting shouts of the populace grew louder, he lifted his head, listened to the confused sounds, shrugged, grinned, and went on with his gruesome work.

HIGH within the Tower, chained to the wall of his cell, sat Essex, dirty and unshaven, on the edge of his pallet.

Silent, he turned Elizabeth's ring around and around on his finger.

Two men-at-arms were on guard, and a monk was intoning Latin prayers. Like distant surf the roar of the crowd came up, and at last Essex spoke dully.

"Is Her Majesty here in the Tower?"

"Yes, my lord," said one of the guards," she took residence in her apartments above; two nights ago."

"And . . . no word for me?"

"No, my lord."

THE STORY THUS FAR: London, 1596. The Earl of Essex and his subordinates, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Howard, are just back from the storming of Cadiz, when the Queen—whose mad infatuation with Essex is notorious—summons them. Essex, enraged because Elizabeth elevates Raleigh and Howard instead of himself, protests, is struck across the face by the Queen, and leaves London. Her armies defeated in Ireland, she sends Bacon to bring back Essex, who consents only when Bacon tells of the intrigues of Raleigh and the rest. The Queen tries to prevent Essex from heading her army in Ireland, fearing he may be killed. Dared by the Council, however, he vows to go. Receiving no news from Essex, because his letters have been purloined, she orders him back to England. He marches on Whitehall meaning to take the throne. Elizabeth meets him, all is forgiven, and the old love restored, until he tells her that he must share the throne with her, when, without further warning, she consigns him to the Tower.

At a narrow casement in an outer room of the Queen's apartments stood Lady Penelope Grey, looking down at the preparations for the execution in the courtyard, and weeping bitterly.

"But crying won't help, dear . . ." said Mistress Margaret Radcliffe, softly. "Why do you cry for him?"

"Heaven knows," sobbed Penelope, "he never cried for me!"

"The Queen will not let it happen . . ."

"The half hour's struck . . . He's to die at six!"

"And she's sent him no word?"

"Not she! She's waiting for word from *him*! Sitting there all the night before last . . . all yesterday—all last night . . . in that room . . . on her Chair of State, sleepless . . . staring . . . waiting . . . waiting for him to beg her pardon . . . But he's too proud . . . too . . . too . . ."

"Heaven help us women . . . Is there nothing we . . . ."

"Yes, there is! Perhaps there's one last chance! I'm going to tell her about those letters . . . I can't keep silent any longer . . . Even though it's my head that rolls in the dust . . . beside his!"

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MOVED to tears by Penelope's plea the Queen sent for Essex.

When, haggard and grim, he emerged from the trap-door and stood before her, she dismissed the guards.

"You spoil me for death, Elizabeth . . ." he said in a low voice. "Wouldn't it have been kinder to leave me with my thoughts?"

"Are you so set on dying?"

"If it comes . . . it's best that I go forth quickly and meet it . . ."

"You know, Robert, that I never meant that you should die."

"I've been found guilty of treason and treason is punishable by death."

"I waited . . . thinking you would send the ring . . . but the nights went by, somehow, like the days, and it never came . . . and here is the last morning . . . the last quarter hour . . ."

"I played for power once—and lost! But *listen!*"

Faint and far distant arose the angry roar of the mob, with half-comprehended cries of "Up, Essex!"—"Down with the Queen!"—"Release him!"

"Do you hear that, Elizabeth?" he continued tensely." The people are with me . . . and if I had another chance . . . I'd win!"

"Why do you tell me this? Don't you know . . . what it means?" Then, desperately, her hands reaching blindly for his hands, "You can't! You can't go this way, Robert! I'll not let you! I love you . . . love you . . ."

"Then . . .! Are you ready to give up your crown to me?"

"No! No! No, I cannot . . . I do love you . . . will always love you till life is drained from me . . . no matter how long and lonely the after years may be! But there's another love . . . greater even than that! *England!* That is my greatest and most enduring love—and when I think of what you would do to my country if you were king—I'd see you *dead!* Yes, and your soul condemned in eternity forever—before I'd let you do it!"

"You think *I* don't love England?"

"You do . . . but your love does not match your lust for power! For the greater glory of Essex you'd make war upon the world . . . drag down your country and drown her in a sea of debts and blood!"

"Perhaps," he murmured sadly, "you are right . . . If so it's better that I go! If things had been different, you simply a woman and not a queen, and I a man, with no empire between us, we could have searched heaven and earth for two perfect lovers, and ended the search with ourselves. For out of all this earth that I am now to leave, I care about leaving nothing . . . nothing but you . . ."

"Robert, stay with me . . . Share with me . . . Give me the ring . . ."

"No . . . for if I did I'd be your death or you'd be mine . . . and you . . . and England must live! Goodbye then . . . my darling . . ."

"Oh, I'm old . . . I'm old . . . With you I could have been young again . . . Robert . . . take my throne . . . take England . . ." But he was gone.

She stood staring as the drums increased . . . reached their peak . . . stopped suddenly. Then the single, heavy thud of a drum. Then silence.

THE END

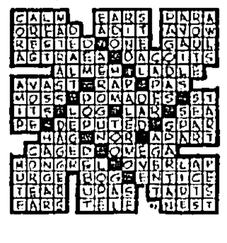
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Regret
5—Toward interior
10—Wearing effect of weather
16—Agonizing labor
17—Perform
18—Make happy
20—Exist
21—In this manner
22—Serpent
24—Excess of solar year over 12 months
26—Delete
28—Element in air
30—Whistling signal
32—Article
33—Boy
35—Flashy
37—Insect
39—Hangman's ropes
42—Hare
44—Toward
45—Perilous
46—Middle
48—Proceed
49—Permit use of
51—Renovate
52—Unit of work
54—Overseer of manor
56—Join with thread
57—Number
59—Cries
61—Radicals
64—Oat
66—Lost color
68—Fish eggs
69—3.1416
70—Mongrel dog
72—Courses of thought
74—You and I
75—Lasting forever
78—Having robes
80—Landed estate
81—Valves in furnace

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Kind of fort
2—Worn away
3—Month (abbr.)
4—Bumpy; full of
5—Anger
6—Cleansing substances
7—Brings as consequence
8—That thing
9—National Recovery Act
10—Item of merchandise
11—Prevent from happening
12—Sun god
13—One who disagrees
14—Wild plum
19—Unbleached
23—Voting places
25—Period in office
27—Exclamation
29—Part of South America
31—Female relative
34—Delay
36—Garment
38—Ripped
39—Of great size
40—Kind of feldspar
41—Begin again
43—Come in
47—High building
50—Profound
51—Answered
53—Go to right
55—Calf meat
58—Mother-of-pearl
60—Medicinal plant
62—Dowry
63—Plant embryos
64—Hurried
65—Swift streams
67—Skin
71—Fled
73—Soak up
76—Printer's measure
77—French article
79—Exist

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM?

CAN you identify the ranks and ratings of Britain's fighting services?

Many of the present rankings in all European armies descend directly from the legions of Rome, and the rest from the Middle Ages.

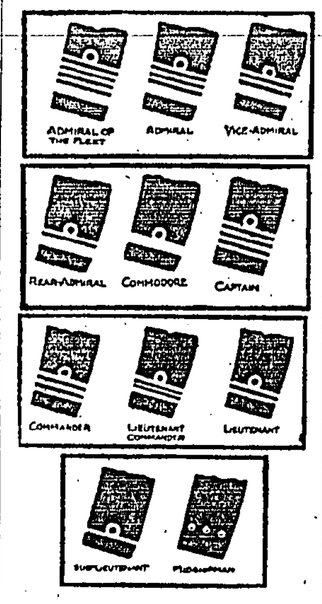
Thus captains, sergeants, and corporals have marched from the days of the pike through the era of the match-lock and blunderbuss to the present day.

The sergeant was a mounted officer way back in the twelfth century, ranking only below a knight. The title is derived from the French word "serviens," to serve.

Corporals held much power in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when they were classified as superior staff officers. Incidentally, the petty officer of the Royal Navy was once called a "ship's corporal."

Even to-day the two Household Cavalry regiments, the Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards, have corporals-of-horse and corporal-majors in the place of sergeants.

Let us take the senior service—the Navy—first. Here are the rank marks from midshipman to admiral of the fleet.



The title of admiral, by the way, is corrupted from a title used by the Moors in Spain centuries ago. Their craft at sea were commanded by Emirs Almar.

Commodores were first introduced after the Dutch wars.

Now we come to the rantings. These are some of the chief badges. They easily identify the callings of the bearers:—

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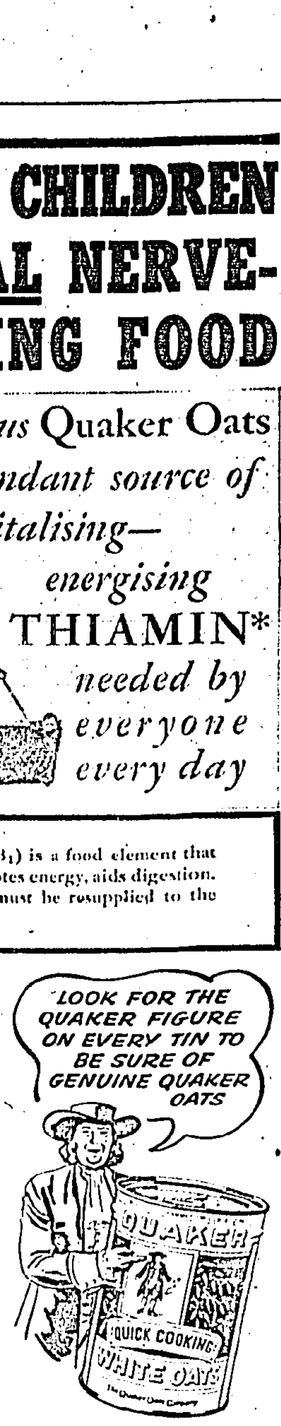

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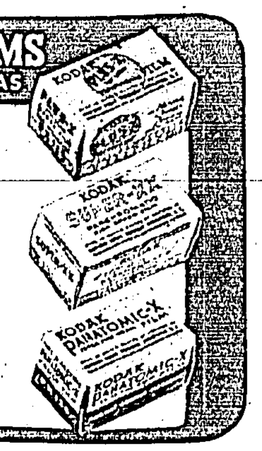

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Easter Wedding Gowns

NEW YORK—It may interest you to know that Easter brides are deep in contemplation of coloured wedding dresses. Such dresses are not new, strictly speaking, having been worn from time to time by tradition-smashing brides, but they are of current interest because Kay Stammers, British tennis star, chose tea rose satin for her gown of gowns. The dress, with long tight sleeves, high shoulder line and high draped bodice, is lovely one and will no doubt be widely copied.

Speaking of elegance, which one must do when speaking of fashions of the moment, the Archduchess of Austria knows how to wear elegant costumes. She has one that is an exquisite blend of embroidered lace and lustrous pearly satin, a good combination for a bridal dress if ever there was one.

Easter, coming early, brings the subject of bridal finery, with even simple trousseaux, well to the fore.

The well dressed bridesmaids will take to bonnets, thanks to the bewitching green affair Rhett Butler brought his green-eyed Scarlett. I don't say they will all be green, but green is a good colour, although Hartnell, whose collection is causing a flutter here-abouts, says greys—grey alone or grey with shades of lilac and such muted tones—are the last word in colours for evening and for formal weddings.

Suzy has a light-weight taffeta appropriately called onion skin and is making adorable hats covered with ruches of it. Le Monnier sees eye to eye with Dache and drapes stunning chignon hats held with two huge hair pins—charming for the bride who doesn't want her maids to wear bonnets.

As for the bride herself, almost any of the draped hats will do as a mode for the bandeau, which holds her veil in place. She may decide to "go away" wearing one of the several dashing sailors for now and later, about which milliners rave.

SHORT CUTS

When sewing on buttons, place the knot on the right side of the material just under the button, and the thread is less likely to become loose and buttons to come off.

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If a housewife can place her hands flat on the top of the kitchen work table without stooping, it is the correct height for her and eliminates needless strain upon her back.

No Case To Answer

On the application of the Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the charge of manslaughter against Lt. T. Parkinson, Quartermaster, H.K.V.D.C., has been dropped. Lt. Parkinson was committed for trial by the Second Magistrate, Mr. R. Edwards, in connection with a motoring offence.

After reading the proceedings, the Attorney-General decided there was no case for Lt. Parkinson to answer and entered a *Nolle Prosequi*. (refusal to proceed).

The charge against Lt. Parkinson was of unlawfully killing a boy, Wong Chiu-lan, while driving his motor car in Bonham Road on December 23.

Decorating A Cake

A cake must be decorated—no matter how simply—in order to give our table a smart air.

To minimise the amount of icing required use a decorative paper frill to adorn the sides of the cake, and perch a few robins on top, or a small sprig of frosted mistletoe may be utilised.

Marshmallow Covering

A marshmallow covering on top of the cake is easy to do. Brush the cake with a little melted jam or jelly, fit the marsh-mallows neatly together, brown slightly under the grill, and decorate.

Another novel and easy finish is to dissolve a packet of red jelly, and when cold and almost settling pour it over the top of the cake. For this a flat surface is necessary, so turn the cake upside-down, shaving the top a little to make sure it stands quite straight.

Pin a stiff band of paper round to prevent the jelly running down the sides. (This band will be replaced with a decorative frill when jelly is set.) A sprinkling of desiccated cocoanut tinted green makes an effective finish.

Made with Margarine

Quite a good butter icing can be made with margarine, and if a little flavouring essence or ginger syrup is added, the want of butter will not be noticed.

Use 3 oz margarine, 4 oz icing sugar, a few drops vanilla essence—few drops carmine to colour. Beat the margarine to a cream in a warm basin, then add the sieved icing sugar, and beat till smooth and creamy. Add few drops colouring—and lay aside to firm. Spread on the cake with a flat knife. Decorate with cocoanut or small ornament.

Marzipan Variety

Most of us like marzipan icing, and if made in the following way it becomes a permissible luxury for the war-time Christmas cake.

Take 4 oz. light cake crumbs, and 4 oz. ground almonds, and ½ lb. icing sugar, flavouring a vanilla, a beaten egg. Rub the crumb and icing sugar through a sieve. Add almonds and flavouring, and bind together with the beaten egg. Knead till smooth, roll out into a round on a sugared board.

Fix on the cake by brushing the surface with slightly warmed syrup or apricot jam, then flatten into shape with a broadbladed knife.

Decorate by scoring with a knife, brush over with milk, and brown under the grill.

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Cookery Hints

ADD a level teaspoonful of baking powder to each quart of fruit when making apple sauce. The amount of sugar normally required can then be reduced by half.

If making omelettes and cheese souffles try the addition of half a teaspoonful baking powder to every two eggs used. The result will be a creamy, fluffy dish with which to delight your friends.

Save all clean, soft tissue paper. Place fried fish on a thick, draining pad of this before transferring it to a hot dish. After use these pads make excellent firelighters.

A famous chef makes mustard this way. He mixes it with a little milk so as to keep its good colour and adds, to improve the flavour, a few grains of sugar.

Try mixing the next cake icing with lemon juice instead of water. The lemon counteracts the extreme sweetness of the icing sugar, while giving a rich gloss to the cake.

Instead of stewing a finnan haddock, lay it in a deep dish, and pour boiling water upon it to cover it completely. Cover closely, and leave for ten minutes. By this time the fish will be perfectly cooked, tender, and digestible. Serve on a hot dish with butter and a dash of pepper.

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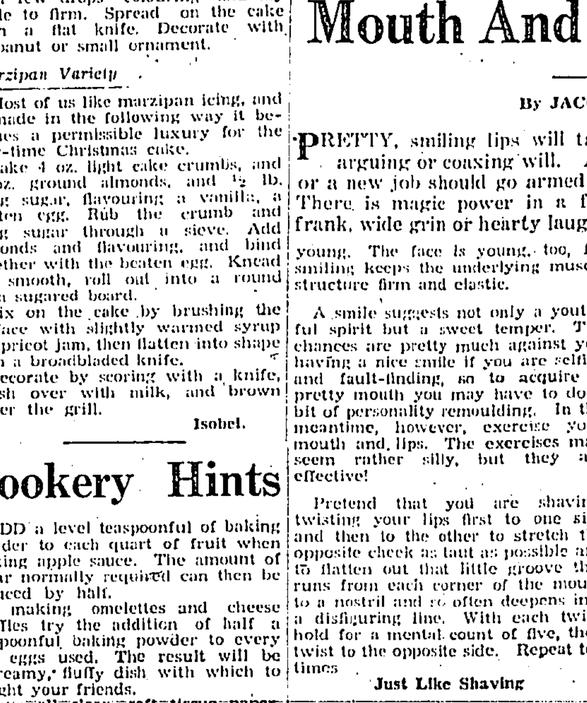

Tiny pink roses and black velvet streamers conspire with shadowy black lace to make a hat with Marie Antoinette Charm. The parasol is in the heirloom class. From Nicole de Paris.

A romantic dinner dress of lime green crepe designed by Nina Price. The softly draped hood not only gives one that madonna look but also keeps the coiffure. The pockets are adorned with gilt paillettes, and the gold touch is repeated in necklace and bracelet.

Mouth And Lip Exercises

By JACQUELINE HUNT

PRETTY, smiling lips will take you places that no amount of arguing or coaxing will. A girl setting out for her first job, or a new job should go armed with her friendliest, nicest smile. There is magic power in a frequent smile and occasionally a frank, wide grin or hearty laugh. It makes the whole face look young. The face is young, too, for smiling keeps the underlying muscle structure firm and elastic.

A smile suggests not only a youthful spirit but a sweet temper. The chances are pretty much against you having a nice smile if you are selfish and fault-finding, so to acquire a pretty mouth you may have to do a bit of personality remoulding. In the meantime, however, exercise your mouth and lips. The exercises may seem rather silly, but they are effective!

Pretend that you are shaving, twisting your lips first to one side and then to the other to stretch the opposite cheek as taut as possible and to flatten out that little groove that runs from each corner of the mouth to a nostril and so often deepens into a disfiguring line. With each twist, hold for a mental count of five, then twist to the opposite side. Repeat ten times.

Just Like Shaving

Do as a man does when shaving; thrust out your chin and wag your jaw with these movements. Then pull your upper lip tightly down over your teeth as though you would shave it, too. Note the pull on your nostrils. These exercises may not remove every line you have but they will prevent the formation of new lines, soften those you already have and give your lips a wonderful flexibility.

To lift a pouting, droopy mouth, do this exercise: Say "oh—ah," bringing the corners of the lips in to make a tiny "o" and widen them as far as possible in a grin on the "ah" sound. Do it until your cheeks feel tired. Puffing your cheeks out like balloons and then slowly releasing the pent-up air is another good mouth and lip exercise.

If your skin and lips are somewhat dry, cleanse them thoroughly by washing with a bland soap, dry and apply a rich night cream over your lips as well as the rest of the face. When you have finished the mouth and cheek exercises, mould gently from the sides of the chin in a straight line up to under the eyes for five minutes, then out to the temples. Do not push or drag at the tissues. Just press gently, lift and press again. Now start near the corners of the mouth and work directly up to the temples. Wipe off the excess cream and pat with cotton pads moistened in skin freshener or ice water.

Pamper Your Lips

It's no fun smiling if your lips are chapped all the time, so treat them with respect. When they burn or feel uncomfortably dry apply a lip pomade or camphor ice and leave on overnight. Avoid very hot drinks or spicy foods that might injure their sensitive tissues. Before applying your lipstick on cold days, smooth them first with a foundation lipstick or a white pomade which will keep the lips soft and youthful in texture and will make your lipstick go on more smoothly.

ON YUNNAN RAILWAY

Bridges Not Strong Enough To Carry Engines

Chungking, Mar. 7.

A foreign traveller from Hanoi and Kunming told a correspondent that through trains travel on the entire Hanoi-Kunming railway, but in passing over the bridges, which are not strong enough to bear locomotives, the trains are pushed by a locomotive behind and pulled by another in front, with neither locomotive passing over the bridges.

In this way, the traveller said, the trains have to be much longer than the bridges and therefore a couple of "tail cars" are held ready there to add to the length in order to push and pull.

Since Tuesday sleeping cars have been attached to all through trains. —*United Press.*

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The big problem with sufferers from gastritis or other digestive disturbances is how to avoid pain and discomfort when eating. The inflamed stomach walls are so sensitive that solid foods can not be retained. Even liquid foods are often vomited.

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FROZEN IN BATTLE-AMAZING FINN SCENES

Two wrecked Russian tanks abandoned when the Finns swooped down on the Russian 44th Division, on the road to Suomussalmi, and wiped it out. In front of the tanks sprawls the body of a Russian soldier frozen into a grotesque position by the intense cold.

Here is type of Soviet machine gunners fighting on the Karelian Isthmus in an effort to drive into Finland, although the Finns repeatedly repulse them. The Russians were reported to have lost 5,000 men and many wounded in a recent drive.

RUSSIAN GUNNERS IN FINLAND

How R.A.F. Traps The Blockade-Runners

FLYING SQUAD SWOOPS FROM SKY ON SUSPECT

By AN AIR CORRESPONDENT
Coastal Command Base on the South-West Coast.

SUSPICIOUS SEA CRAFT, that might try to run the blockade with cargoes for Germany, have to deal with a real Flying Squad these days.

I sighted one of these suspects, a few hours ago, from a porthole of a 26-ton Sunderland flying boat.

I was on convoy patrol duty over the Atlantic, with the R.A.F. Coastal Command.

We took off in the first grey dullness of the dawn.

Passing a famous landmark, not an inch out in our navigation, we changed course for a flight of several hundred miles to the expected position of a convoy.

As we flew on we watched every ship on the sea.

We knew that plenty of "neutral" ships were trying to run the blockade, and it was part of our job to make it almost impossible for them to get through.

Very Greek

Soon we found a "stranger."

She had a very Greek name and was flying a Greek flag; but our pilot was taking no chances.

Diving round the ship he signalled her with a lamp, and took a number of photographs which were sent later to the Admiralty for identification.

If the ship proved to be at all "doubtful." Admiralty vessels will stop her within a few hours.

We found our convoy easily.

First of all we spotted three ships lagging behind. With an Aldis lamp we chatted to the escort warship, whose captain confessed that he did not know where the rest of the convoy was.

On Tiptoe

A few minutes later we sighted the 28 other ships, returned to the three stragglers to flash them their position, and then started on the most important part of our job—searching for submarines.

Every man was on tiptoe, examining every mile of water for a sign of a periscope.

We didn't see one, and the fact that the Coastal Command had spotted 100 since the war, and had attacked 66 of them, might have had something to do with it.

When we returned and checked the amount of petrol that our flying boat had used, we found that the four engines had consumed as much as a light car owner would receive under rationing conditions in 15 years.

During a visit to the Aldershot station, England, Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, wife of Britain's Prime Minister, inspects members of Women's Auxiliary Transport Service. The W.A.T.S. serve in case of air raids.

MRS. C. SEES WATS

12/- A PAIR FOR NELL'S GARTERS

NELL GWYNN, particular friend of King Charles II., did not stint herself (he allowed her £5,000 a year), but she did not pay as much for things as you do to-day.

Bills she paid still exist, and a bunch of them are included in an elegant scrapbook collection of her papers which were sold at Sotheby's, Bond-street, W. Philip Robinson, of Pall-mall, bought the collection for £70.

The bills show that Nell—ex-actress who knew the value of money from hard experience—was proud of her feet. She bought as many as ten pairs of shoes at a time.

Here are some of her bills for footwear, compared with the prices for similar articles to-day:

	Nell paid £ s. d.	To-day's price £ s. d.
A pair of pink satin ribbon slippers with gold and silver decorations ...	1 0 0	5 5 0
A pair of sky-coloured satin ribbon shoes (no gold)	1 0 0	3 3 0
Two pairs of pink shoes for her children	— 9 0	1 10 0

Of course, money was worth more in King Charles's reign (1660 to 1685) than it is to-day. But you see the financial advantages of living in those times when you consider Nell's transport costs. Look at this comparison:

Cost of a gilded sedan chair to carry her through London's muddy streets (including 1,300 nails at £3 5s., cushions, gilt and leather) £38	Cost of a 10 h.p. saloon motor-car (which is about the social equivalent of a sedan chair, Anything from about £160

There was just one item that cost Nell Gwynn more than it costs to-day:

	Nell paid s. d.	To-day's price s. d.
A pair of embroidered garters	12 0	6 6

Careful Nell, it appears, once paid £5 for the rent of jewellery.

It would be nice to know whom she wanted to out-sparkle that time.

Nazi Bases Are War Zones

Seven German islands in the Frisian Group were recently proclaimed war zones for the duration by Admiral Raeder, Nazi Naval Chief. They are Borkum, Juist, Norderney, Langeoog, Spiekeroog, Wangeroog and Sylt. The air bases at Borkum and Sylt have already received attention from the R.A.F.

Pilots Attacked German Bombers With Revolvers

TWELVE German planes swept in from the sea one day in January, 1915, and bombed Dunkirk. British, French and Belgian pilots took the air and engaged the enemy with rifle and revolver fire. One German plane was brought down.

Now, 25 years later, the crude equipment of rifle and revolver has advanced in the latest Super-marine Spitfire and Hawker Hurricane machines to batteries of machine-guns firing 10,000 rounds a minute.

Early experiments in the technique of air combat showed extraordinary ingenuity not, unfortunately matched by practical results.

It was suggested that Bristol and Martinsyde Scouts should carry quantities of steel darts which they could unload from a position immediately above an adversary.

Angled For Catches

Another deadly method of attack suggested was that a pilot should attempt to entangle the propeller of an opponent's aircraft by flying above him, trailing a weight attached to 150 feet of cable.

A variant of this device was a bomb fitted with hooks in place of the weight at the end of the cable. The pilot angled for his enemy, hooked him (sometimes) and then detonated the bomb by pressing a switch.

Contrast with these schemes the devastating fire of the eight-gunned Spitfires and Hurricanes, which have already accounted for a large number of German raiders.

VICE-CHANCELLOR LEAVES

Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and formerly Chief Censor, has left for England to attend to urgent family affairs following the recent death of his wife.

Prof. K. H. Digby is acting as Vice-Chancellor of the University in his absence, and Mr. W. Faid as Chief Censor.

HUGE PEIPING FIRE

Famous Flower Market Gutted by Flames

Peiping, Mar. 7.

Practically the whole of Peiping's famous flower market, well known to tourists, situated just outside the Hatamen Gate, was destroyed by fire this morning. More than 50 shops were gutted.

The fire started in a dry goods store at 8 a.m. and lasted until 1 p.m. The inefficiency of the local telephone system is said to have been one of the reasons for the extensive damage. It is reported that it took an hour for a call to get through to the fire brigade.—Reuter.

Trapper In Alaska Is Critic of the B.B.C.

A LONELY trapper in the far north of Alaska is one of the B.B.C.'s keenest music critics. Almost weekly he writes to the Music Department at Broadcasting House commenting on symphony concerts which have been broadcast over the B.B.C. short-wave system.

Sir Adrian Boult looks forward to receiving the letters and says the trapper writes with real musical knowledge.

This trapper is just one of thousands of lonely listeners who correspond regularly with the B.B.C.

From the Chatam Islands, east of New Zealand, a cattle farmer writes:

"Thirteen thousand miles away, my wife and I, who live quite alone and are getting on to the three score and ten, are one of the most lonely and isolated couples in the Empire.

"We seldom see anyone here; and in 11 months my wife has not seen or spoken to one of her own sex."

This listener was astonished to hear B.B.C. news of rationing.

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"You can hardly realise anyone wanting a rump steak for the strolling out and knocking over a 500lb. or 600lb. beast to get it."

NORTH-WEST FRONTIER UNREST IS SPREADING

CALCUTTA.—The position on the North-West Frontier is getting worse, and the Government has sanctioned an increase in the Frontier Constabulary, whose strength was reduced a few years ago.

Unrest is spreading northwards. Raiders are active in the Kohat district. A gang successfully raided a lorry carrying frontier constabulary, arms and ammunition. One constable was wounded.

Interference with communications and long-range sniping continues.

Tribesmen raided a village on the main Bannu-Dera Ismail Kahn road on market day. Six villagers and three Hindus and three Moslems were killed and five wounded; many shops were looted: and a police post was fired on.

The mail lorry on the road into Waziristan from Dera Ismail Khan was ambushed and looted.

Sir George Cunningham, Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, is arriving at New Delhi to-day to discuss the situation with the Government of India.

UNITY MITFORD BARRED

London, Mar. 7.

The War Office announces that Miss Unity Mitford will not be allowed to visit her father's residence on the island of Inchkenneth, off the Isle of Mull.

Inchkenneth is in a part of Scotland, which will be a protected area from March 11.

Miss Mitford's father is Baron Redesdale.—United Press.

Guarding The Troops On Leave

Pilots of the Royal Air Force have assumed a new responsibility since leave for the B.E.F. began. They escort across the Channel all leave ships bringing troops home or taking them back to the front.

Troopships from Australia and Canada are met by Coastal Command aircraft while still hundreds of miles from these shores, and are escorted during the remainder of their voyages. Ships sail in weather which would "ground" aircraft on any peace-time schedule, but in the wintry weather of the past month the leave ships and the troopships have never lacked an air escort.

HAIG SECRETS WILL NEVER BE DISCLOSED

THE late Earl Haig's diaries, containing secrets of the last war, will not be published until after the end of this war.

Even then large sections will be withheld, and the memorandum accompanying them will never be made public.

Earl Haig placed a 20-years ban on the publication of these documents. On January 1 this year the ban ended.

For 20 years the documents, in 32 volumes, have been locked in a steel cabinet at the British Museum.

They consist of about 800,000 words and the secret memorandum.

Major-General de Pree, nephew of the late Earl Haig and one of the Haig trustees, said:

"I have written to General Sir Bertie Drew Fisher, who is the other trustee, expressing my view.

Only Extracts Used

"I am one of the few people who has ever read the memorandum. It is possible for me to give you only a rough idea of its contents. It was written by Haig's H.Q. staff and contains the reasons for every major decision he took in the Great War.

"It would be inadvisable in the public interests for this to be published.

"Though Mr. Duff Cooper has seen the diaries, he used only extracts when he wrote Haig's biography. But nothing can be published until the end of the war, and then only parts."

Lieut.-General Sir Bertie Drew Fisher from the Southern Command:

"I have read only two volumes of the diaries," he said. "They will not be made public during the war. I have not read the memorandum."

Spirit Told Son Was Safe —SAYS FATHER

WITHIN a few minutes of the wireless announcement of the sinking of the submarine Starfish, a Portsmouth father of one of the crew claims to have known — through his "spirit guide"—that his boy had been rescued and taken prisoner.

The German wireless has not yet announced his name, but the rescued man is Chief Petty Officer W. C. L. Clarke, who has been in the submarine service for 12 years, and is a torpedo instructor.

His father is Mr. H. G. Clarke, of London Avenue, North End, Portsmouth, and he is secretary of the Christian Spiritualist Fellowship Church in Landport, Portsmouth.

In Eight Minutes

"I was able," he said, "after the first wireless announcement of the sinking of the submarine, to get through to my guide, and find out definitely that my son was one of the rescued.

"As we sat in a family circle I got through to my spirit guide and asked if he could give me any information. In eight minutes the reply came through: 'Your son is safe. He is injured slightly and is in hospital. He is well treated and he is going on satisfactorily.'

"Every day since I have had bulletins sent through to me to say how my son is progressing.

"The last message was that he had been discharged from hospital and sent to a concentration camp. The day after I received this I received a postcard from my son saying that he was quite well and that we were not to worry."

German Colony Backs Smuts

CAPE TOWN.

The Hertzog-Malan Nationalist candidates in the general election in South-West Africa, the former German colony now mandated to South Africa, have received a smashing defeat at the hands of Gen. Smuts's United Party.

Ten of the members returned belong to the United Party and two are Nationalists. In the old Legislative Assembly the United Party held only eight of the 12 elected seats.

A feature of the elections was the intensive organisation of the German vote in support of the Hertzog-Malan candidates, known as the Jooste Nationalist Party after their leader.

On the eve of the elections instructions were issued calling on all Germans to vote for the Nationalists. This brought a victory for the Jooste party, at Swakopmund, a big German centre where the United Party candidate was defeated by only 19 votes.

In Windhoek Central, the German Nazis voted solidly for the Jew-baiting Gen. Manie Maritz who, however, was thoroughly trounced by the United Party candidates.

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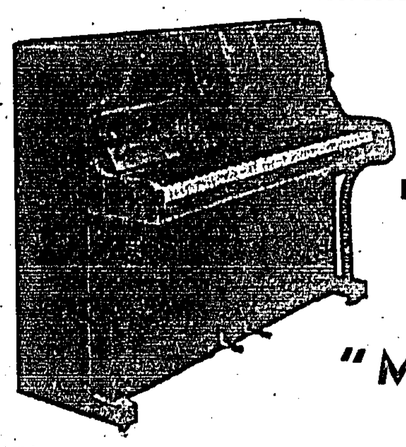

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Desperate Nazis

THE great discrepancies between the British and German accounts of the latest air operations at sea are probably accounted for by the necessity which the Nazi authorities feel to distract the attention of the German public from the ignominy of the Graf Spee.

This theory is supported by the haste with which the Berlin broadcasting authorities put on the air one night a special programme to celebrate "the glorious German air victory this afternoon"—a typical piece of Nazi showmanship, designed to keep Germans from thinking of other things.

Also, the German public are repeatedly warned of the penalties for listening to foreign broadcasts.

We hear much about the solidarity of the people behind their Fuehrer, but the Fuehrer has little faith in their ability to take bad news. The German war spirit must be kept up with a constant succession of "achievements" which, when not completely faked, are greatly exaggerated.

Aerial encounters off the German coast are assuming larger proportions. It was to be expected that the enemy would resist in strength the enterprises that the Royal Air Force has been regularly conducting in that quarter. The British losses have not been light, but the Nazis' have been more serious. That our bombers should prove more than a match for the German fighters is significant. In encounters near the British coast the raiding bombers have had much the worse of it.

All these are straight fights. Much different are the attacks which the German air force is developing against small British craft such as trawlers and finishing smacks. These outrages, as Mr. Churchill has pithily said, indicate the exasperation of the enemy, who feels the long arm of sea power laid upon his soldier. The Nazis' preference for firing their guns, bombs and machine-guns at victims who cannot strike back is a policy in which only they could find cause for satisfaction and pride.

DARLING OF THE STAGE . . .

Was what they called Maxine Elliott, who died yesterday

BEAUTY that was breath-taking gave Maxine Elliott her fame on the stage; uncanny shrewdness for investments gave her a fortune, while poise and dignity gave her a place in the most exclusive international society, where kings came and went as intimates.

She was white haired and old, but the things she had won were never diminished—her name, her fortune and her place among the great.

From the little girl who watched the sea gulls from her father's cargo ship, in the blustery harbours of New England, to the aging, but immensely self-possessed woman who sat in the sun outside her famous Riviera chateau and watched kings, dukes, princes and princesses diving in her swimming pool, was a long period, and a long career.

It was a career which the goddess of luck protected unfailingly, and Maxine Elliott never knew the usual fate of the actress—oblivion. The only thing she missed in life was lasting domestic happiness.

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NOT that Maxine Elliott ever suffered neglect. That could never be said about a woman who had a New York theatre bearing her name, whose beauty captivated King Edward VII, whose fabulous chateau was saved from flames one day, not by the local fire department, but by the British Navy—no less—part of which happened to be in the harbour.

Her real name was the good, sound, Yankee name of Jessica Dermot, and neighbours and relatives in Rockland, where she was born on Feb. 5, 1871, always referred to her as Jessica, even when she was famous.

The name Maxine Elliott was suggested by Dion Boucicault. Her younger sister, Gertrude, also took the name Elliott; she too became an actress of the first order and married Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson, renowned English Shakespearian actor. One of their daughters, Diana, is the wife of Vincent Sheean.

As a little girl, Jessica was aboard ship much of the time—in Maine, and at Oakland, where her skipper father also had a home. She went to a convent school in Roxbury, for a while, but her beauty, pure and rather austere, and her figure, which was superb, brought her rapidly to the New York stage. She was only 16 when she arrived there, and at once fell under the best influences.

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HER first job was with E. S Willard in a minor part in the popular play of "The Middleman" at Wallack's theatre. That was in 1890. She stayed with Willard for three years, and learned the fundamentals. She worked hard, learned with thoroughness and never forgot. This she had to do, because, beautiful though Maxine was, and keenly intelligent, nevertheless she was not an actress by instinct and genius. For her it was a learned profession, which took much learning.

For a season she played second to Rose Coghlan in "Diplomacy," "London Assurance" and "Forget Me Not" and then was engaged by Augustin Daly, playing leading parts in his theatre, in comedy, melodrama and Shakespeare. In 1895 she went over to London with Daly's company, made a hit and began to acquire the British friendships which soon were to include King Edward himself.

For several years, beginning in 1896, she was the leading star in Nat C. Goodwin's company, and played everything from "The Cowboy and the Lady" to "The Merchant of Venice." When she began with Goodwin's troupe, she was married to George McDermott, a New York lawyer of prominence, but divorced him that same year and married Goodwin in 1898. The marriage lasted only 10 years, for in 1908 she refused to live any longer with him, and allowed him to get a divorce on the ground of desertion.

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SHE reached her height in the fall of that year, when "Maxine Elliott's Theatre" opened in Times Square, the only New York theatre built, owned and operated by a woman since the long forgotten days of Laura Keene.

She had saved her money, and her own business intuition was of the first order. It was she who planned the theatre, she who supervised its building, and she who profited thereby—along with Lee Shubert.

There was a rather thick veil of mystery around her first meeting with King Edward VII, which took place one sunny summer day at Marienbad. However it happened, there is not the slightest doubt that her beauty and charm caught the king off balance and resulted in a friendship that lasted until his death.

He was often among her guests at her English home, Hartsbourne Manor, which became a brilliant centre for society, royal, theatrical, literary and otherwise.

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WHEN Maxine bought Hartsbourne Manor in 1910, she announced that she would retire from the stage, and this she did, for a time. But three years later she was back in London, making a success in Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree's play, "Joseph and His Brethren."

Then came the Great War and even she was caught in its flood.

She went to Belgium, in charge of her own ambulance, and worked there steadily and intensely until the end of 1916, when she went back to New York for the first time in seven years, wearing the Belgian Order of the Crown.

It was King Edward VII who made Cannes a favourite and fashion winter and summer resort for English and American society, and it was Maxine Elliott's chateau there that kept many social figures coming to the Riviera during the depression-ridden 1930s. It was built in 1930 at a cost of £79,000, one of the few chateaux of the region which open directly upon the sea. It stands 30 feet above the water, and in the grounds is a private swimming pool.

English society visited at the place so often that it acquired the nickname of "The House of Lords."

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THERE were brilliant parties there. The Duke of Windsor and his American wife were her good friends, and there were some historic political arguments around the Elliott dinner table, with such varied personalities as Windsor, Anthony Eden, Winston Churchill and Somerset Maugham taking part.

After the Great War, the life of Maxine Elliott was a peaceful one, and her maternal instincts found their outlet in the care she took with her many nieces. For a long time she even used to design their dresses and cut them out herself.

There were, to be sure, one or two adventures. There was that time when her chateau almost burned down, and there was another time, in Florida, when she was rescued from drowning, but that was the extent of the excitement. She wanted peace and found it. She never wished publicity for its own sake. (She did not give an interview in 30 years.)

She lived as she wished, mistress of her household and herself.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Remember, Nettie—no more sweets for the children to-day. I'm very careful about what goes in their tummies!"

Someone said: Suppose you'd 6 months off

by

HOWARD MARSHALL

SIX months' holiday; no financial cares; unlimited resources; where would I go?

What a question! What a hope, incidentally. But never mind about that.

At once I am tempted to say that I should buy a small boat and follow the example of Alain Gerbault, the French Davis Cup player.

Gerbault sailed into the blue, you may remember. Much to the consternation of his friends, who could not understand why lawn tennis did not satisfy him.

So did Captain Joshua Slocum, who built a boat himself and journeyed in it alone around the world. Alone, save for a goat, who embarrassed him by eating his only chart.

"I sat long on the starlit deck," wrote Joshua in his log, "thinking of ships and watching the constellations on their voyage."

There's peace for you: I could spare some of my six months for the constellations.

We need time to sit and think. Never did we need it so much. And never were we so afraid of it.

In between whiles we need to fend for ourselves. We are becoming atrophied. I manage to shave myself, certainly, and put on my clothes. I raise my food to my mouth and transport my 15st. to a bus. But what else do I have to achieve to survive the daily round?

That is why I think a small boat would be stimulating and satisfactory. Not a luxury liner, but a boat which depended upon my efforts for its voyaging.

To Get Tough Again

BUT, perhaps, so aimless a journey is not permitted by the conditions. I must name my destination.

Very well. Without hesitation, I should go to New Zealand?

Why New Zealand?

Well, it depends what you demand of your six months. Personally, I have no wish to idle. The best kind of holiday is not complete laziness, but change of occupation.

This summer, for example, I hope to spend some of my spare time building a wall of old bricks. A purposeful wall down one side of a cottage garden. That will be true recreation.

So in New Zealand I should live on a sheep station and do a job of work. I should ride, and enjoy the best trout fishing in the world.

I should, in short, toughen myself up again. I have a horror of growing soft. Not that I want to keep puffing my chest out and progressing in a constant series of physical jerks.

No, the softness of life in a great city, with its synthetic amusements and its comforts and its artificiality, that's what frightens me.

I am certain man was not meant to burn out his brief life in cities. It makes me shudder to think that thousands of youngsters in London have never stepped off hard pavements.

There are no vast cities in New Zealand. The towns there are still compact. Even if you are condemned to work in an office, you can step outside when your day is done and fish or shoot or ride or bathe to your heart's content.

The country is at your door, free and unspoiled.

Here, even when we can escape, it is preserved against us and covered with bungalows at that.

I am a little tired, let me admit, of the snobbery and convention, the shams and smug self-satisfaction, the airs and graces of the old world.

I would like to spend my six months in a real country. And New Zealand fills the bill.

It may not have spectacular scenery to offer me, though it is beautiful enough. It may not cater for the sophisticated sightseer. And heaven be praised for that. What it will offer me, apart from trout fishing, is warm hospitality and that odd anachronism—a man's life.

They're Neighbourly

I HAVE many New Zealand friends. They are grand folk, kindly and straightforward. They don't judge a man by his wealth, but by his worth. They are neighbourly. And that's more than we are in London.

There are other places, I don't doubt, which I should do well to investigate.

I like living things. The past does not rouse in me any sentimental nostalgia.

Give me, therefore, a country which is alive.

Then how about America?

Well, America would be interesting but exhausting.

If six months are dropped into my lap out of Eternity, I want to savour them in reasonable quietude.

But why do we travel, when all is said and done? To escape from ourselves? I might do that, I suppose, in the South Seas. Or at Bali, where the moon, they tell me, is fatal to the susceptible.

I might escape into the real India—not, mark you, the India of tiffin and chota pegs and hill stations.

And Tibet—there's a country which interested me long before Mr. Ronald Colman took it under his beneficent wing in "Lost Horizon."

Tibet and the flowered-filled valleys of the Himalayan foothills and the wide beaches of the Moluccas and the forests of the Amazon—these offer us escape.

But that would not be my purpose. I should travel for discovery. I might even find myself. To that end I should not seek the last strongholds of romance or the quiet places of the earth.

A real country would be my quest. A country where people have not yet been driven to artificiality. A friendly and healthy country. And New Zealand rings true on every count.

Grave Food Shortage

Peiping Faces A Trying Period

PEIPING, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—The spotlight locally has shifted from political affairs to the economic situation, and even the forthcoming Central Political Conference at Nanking, at which the future political status of North China will possibly be decided, cannot obscure or even rival the serious rapidly worsening situation.

Despite all efforts of the authorities, the food situation shows all signs of developing into a major tragedy, and it is a wonder that the Chinese are able to exist at all under the present condition.

Costs Twice As Much

According to the latest figures, it costs a family twice as much to subsist on the meanest fare as its monthly income.

Already there have been near riots in Peiping. Hundreds are gathering daily at food shops. The most tragic scenes are witnessed as crowds of half-starving Chinese, including women and children, gather in the hope of purchasing food which is either non-existent or is being sold at exorbitant prices or in the hands of unscrupulous hoarders.

RUMANIA TO STAY NEUTRAL

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was wild applause at every mention of the Army and the country's frontiers and yet, when the King spoke of more friendly relations with Bulgaria, of a united Balkan Entente as well as "the traditional community of spirit" between Rumania and Italy, the applause was almost equally as enthusiastic.

King Carol did not mention names when he stated that Rumania desired friendly relations with all nations.

"My Government has set forces in motion to strengthen relations with our Allies and to develop friendly relations with neighbouring States," he said.

Policy Fully Approved

He made reference to Bulgaria, Hungary and Soviet Russia, all of whom have territorial claims against Rumania which have not yet been renounced. Referring to relations with Bulgaria, he said: "The reception given our Minister of Finance gives us the impression of a deep and sincere relationship."

Referring to King Carol's brief review of Rumania's foreign relations, some foreign diplomats here expressed the opinion at the Crown Council at the Royal Palace last night that the Foreign Minister has received full Royal approval for his policy.

Affirms Neutrality

BUCHAREST, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—King Carol in the new session of Parliament re-affirmed Rumania's intention to follow a policy of neutrality "in her own interests and those of peace."

King Carol added that the rules of neutrality had been and would be followed also in the sphere of Rumania's exports trade.

Rumania's military preparations and strengthening morale in order to guarantee the defence of national patrimony remained the pre-occupation of the entire nation, the King said.

Norway Not Satisfied

Demands Compensation For Ship's Loss

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, March 7 (UP).—The Norwegian Foreign Office reports that a note has been sent to Berlin rejecting the German reply to the Norwegian protest against the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Elka in the middle of February.

Norway is demanding compensation for the loss of the steamer, crew and cargo, and a firm condemnation of the commander of the submarine responsible for the sinking.

CIGARETTES FOR THE FIGHTERS

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—British and American employees of the Bahrein Petroleum Co. have subscribed for over 112,000 cigarettes for men of the forces through the Overseas Tobacco Fund.

This fund keeps a special eye on the needs of prisoners of war to whom cigarettes are now being sent. It is also learnt that 5,000,000 cigarettes will be sent to mine-sweepers shortly.

DUTCH SHIPS ATTACKED

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—When the Dutch motorship Delfzaje arrived in Port Hansweert she reported that she had been heavily attacked by an unknown aeroplane while on her way to Rotterdam.

The aeroplane started by raking the motorship with machine-gun fire. Then it dropped six or seven bombs which fell nearby causing terrific explosions which rocked the ship and did considerable damage.

MASTERY OF SKY BRITAIN'S AIM

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100 occasions and delivered more than 60 attacks. More than 700 convoys had been successfully escorted by aircraft, he said.

Intimate Co-operation

Referring to our co-operation with France, Sir Kingsley said that this was of a most intimate character.

There was a comprehensive scheme of pooling information and the production of problems were studied together, secret equipment was exchanged and new developments shared.

Speaking of flying training organisation overseas, Sir Kingsley said that when in full operation the schools in Canada, Australia and New Zealand would produce 25,000 pilots and 30,000 air crews every year.

Additionally, the South African Government had most helpfully offered to train pilots for the R.A.F. and there would also be air schools in Rhodesia and Kenya.

New Production Plant

Dealing with production, Sir Kingsley said that every month a new plant was coming into operation. Many more factories were coming into production and still more were being built.

Future production, he said, had been planned on a scale which should enable us to attain our objective with something in hand.

Plans for production in the Dominions were beginning to bear fruit and the first aircraft made in Canada had already been flown.

Large additional orders had been placed in America and Canada.

Referring to civil aviation, the Air Minister declared that in conjunction with Australia and New Zealand it had been decided to link up New Zealand with Empire air routes and to start a weekly service across the Tasman Sea in April.

He said he hoped that difficulties preventing a regular service to Lisbon would shortly be overcome.

To safeguard the position of civil aviation after the war a strong civil aviation advisory committee was to be set up.

100% Increase In Strength

Giving an outline of the greatly increased R.A.F. output, Sir Kingsley said it could safely be estimated that the fighting strength of the R.A.F. had increased at least by 100 per cent. during the last 12 months.

In addition, he said, we had been able to give substantial help to friends overseas.

He confidently believed that even on a numerical basis the output of aircraft accruing to Britain and France was to-day in excess of that of Germany.

Sir Kingsley concluded:—"If and when serious attacks are made on this country, considerable damage will be caused but we need not doubt that our people will endure it with the same high courage as other peoples recently have shown.

"Moreover we can be sure that the powerful and efficient air defence organisation which we have built up will take a heavy toll of the enemy and that our bomber force will be both ready and able to hit hard, hit often and to keep on hitting." (Cheers).

Moral Effect On Germans

In closing the debate on Air Estimates in the House of Commons, Sir Kingsley Wood said they had evidence that recent flights over Germany had not been without effect on the morale of Germany.

There was considerable evidence that the leaflets dropped from planes had been read by a very large number of people who were apparently glad to read them, notwithstanding the severe penalties with which they were threatened.

Replying to criticism concerning coastal attacks, Sir Kingsley said that obviously no air defence system could be an impenetrable barrier. If that was a fact regarding general operations it was still more difficult during the night to intercept every hit and run raid in ones and twos on a 700 mile coast-line.

Conditions were worse in winter, he said, and it was to the credit of the air force that they had brought down so many enemy aircraft and driven off many more.

Increasing Efficiency

"Our fighter defence is increasing in efficiency daily. Our airforce and navy are tackling the problem jointly and I believe with much success," he said.

Sir Kingsley gave unqualified assurance that all plans were ready in the event of it being decided that British bomber forces should engage in major operations.

The air force would be only too willing to undertake any commission with which they were entrusted.

There was no holding back as far as they were concerned.

Replying to a question raised about long-range fighters, Sir Kingsley said that there were a number of new and more powerful types of aircraft now in production.

"Certainly I had regard to that," said Sir Kingsley replying to a question whether his earlier comparison between the Allies and Germany had regard to the type and quality of machines.

Estimates Passed

Sir Kingsley was very disappointed that the war had dealt such a great blow to the carefully prepared pre-war plan regarding civil aviation.

"Anxious as I am as regards the position at the end of the war I feel we should put every ounce we can into our military effort," he said.

The Air Force votes were agreed without further discussion.

North China And New Regime

PEIPING, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—It is presumed locally that North China will retain more or less an independent status under the Central regime.

Big U.S. Loan For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (UP).—Mrs. Jesse Jones to-day announced that the Export and Import Bank has allocated $20,000,000 for China.

DRASTIC 24-HOUR ULTIMATUM TO FINLAND BY SOVIET UNION

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and are not yet assured of success, the report adds.

London Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—Diplomatic quarters state that they have heard that Russia has served new demands on Finland, including the dismissal of Baron Mannerheim and General Wallenius as well as many other military and political leaders.

The demands are believed to be so far-reaching that they will be unacceptable to the Finns, in view of the fact that the previous demand for the cession of the Hangoe Peninsula wrecked the autumn talks.

It is also believed here that Berlin is encouraging Stockholm to do its utmost to mediate in the Finnish conflict.

The Russian terms as reported here are the same as those outlined in the Paris "Soir."

The peace offer confronts the British with the necessity of reviewing the possibility of much more active intervention.

Negotiations In Progress

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Though official confirmation is lacking, reports from a usually reliable source insist that negotiations are progressing for an armistice between Finnish, Swedish, German and Russian delegates.

The preliminary talks for an armistice are believed to have been going on for some days, although the Swedish Foreign Office, which is reported to be acting as the chief mediator, will neither confirm nor deny the reports.

Germany's Part

Germany's part in the negotiations is apparently being played by the Nazi Press Chief, Dr. Dietrich, who flew here for a secret one-day visit.

According to one version, the present negotiations are being conducted on the basis of the Russian demands for the cession of the Karelian Isthmus, Lake Ladoga and the territory to the north, a section of Lapland, including Petsamo, and the port of Hangoe.

Passikivi In Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—It is confirmed that M. Passikivi, who led the Finnish Mission to Moscow in an effort to avert war, has now arrived here.

Rumours that he was in Stockholm to take part in peace negotiations are confirmed.

Official Announcement

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The radio here has issued an official announcement that the Soviets have presented Finland with new and more far-reaching demands.

Further details were promised to be given later.

Three-Power Mediation

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Rome radio, which reports considerable diplomatic activity in Stockholm and Helsingfors, it is believed that Russia, Sweden and Germany are working in a plan for mediation in the Finnish war.

The delegates of the three countries are expected to be joined by Baron Carl Mannerheim and General Blucher, the commanders of the Finnish and Russian armies respectively, it was added.

DISASTROUS MANILA FIRE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Mar. 8 (UP).—Three hundred and fifty families were rendered homeless, scores were injured and 100,000 peso worth of damage done when a fire broke out in San Pedro Makati, a suburb of Manila near Fort William McKinley, the U.S., Army Reservation, early this morning.

Many American-owned homes were endangered. Seventy-one native houses were destroyed many of which were owned by Philippine Scouts, (Filipinos enlisted in the U.S. Army).

Mr. Welles Starts Paris Talks

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles had talks to-night with President Lebrun and M. Daladier, the French Premier.

The visit to the President was a brief courtesy call, for Mr. Welles arrived 15 minutes ahead of schedule, before preparations for his reception were complete. He stayed over an hour.

He drove immediately to the Ministry of War and talked with M. Daladier an hour and 40 minutes.

Famous New York Editor Dies

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (UP).—Dr. John Finley, 76, Editor Emeritus of the "New York Times", died here to-day.

CUNARDER'S DRAMATIC VOYAGE

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The fact that she managed to cross the Atlantic before anyone even knew that she had left the Clyde has made a great impression in Canada and the United States.

Canadian newspapers use the term "audacious" and the way in which the secret of her crossing was kept has aroused wonder and admiration.

New York papers printed large pictures of the Queen Elizabeth and of the Queen Mary and Normandie, alongside which she is to berth.

The popular "New York Journal" prints a banner headline reading "Huge British liner foils submarines in secret trip."

One of the most remarkable features about the Queen Elizabeth is that she was completed despite the war. It was announced sometime ago that she would be ready on February 20 and it was on this day she sailed.

Bare And Lifeless

The Queen Elizabeth reached the quarantine station in New York at 3.00 p.m. G.M.T.

When she was seen approaching the island she was unescorted and the decks looked bare and lifeless. The Queen Elizabeth carried no identification mark, but after an airliner circled over her twice, the Red Ensign was broken out from the stern.

Business-like grey paint and the absence of passengers lining the rails made the giant vessel's arrival a strange contrast to the arrival of the Queen Mary.

"Great Dirty Grey Whale"

Airmen who sighted her described her as looking like "a great dirty grey whale."

Five hundred police and detectives have been drafted to the pier prepared for her arrival. Crowds of New Yorkers streamed to the waterside to welcome her.

It is authoritatively stated that the Queen Elizabeth sailed across the Atlantic to make room for other ships in England as every berth is needed for the ceaseless stream of shipping entering British ports.

Why Liner Was Moved

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The reasons for moving the Queen Elizabeth were explained in a statement issued by the Cunard White Star Company.

The statement says only twice a year, when the tides are unusually high, is there sufficient depth of water to navigate a ship of her size to the open sea.

Such a tide occurred in the latter part of February, and the Queen Elizabeth sailed at that time.

In view of the circumstances, it was decided that she should proceed to America. This she did under the command of Captain J. C. Townley after an uneventful voyage at moderate speed.

The internal accommodation of the Queen Elizabeth is not completed.

No plans are made for the vessel except to tie her up at a pier along with the arrangements for all other ships of the Company stopping at an American port.

Typical N.Y. Welcome

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Queen Elizabeth passed the battery place at the entrance of the Hudson River at 8.41 p.m. G.M.T.

As the liner appeared, like a ghost ship, sirens from a myriad of small craft shrieked a welcome and downtown in New York, skyscrapers launched a shower of ticker-tape and torn papers.

The liner's own deep-toned sirens boomed an acknowledgment of the welcome.

Several planes soared above the liner, while harbour craft of all sorts circled around, admiring her lines.

After a ceremonial reception by the President of the New York City Council, Captain Townley of the Queen Elizabeth, told reporters that no submarines had been seen on the voyage and the convoy was dropped after one day out.

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHICAGO, Mar. 7 (UP).—Bishop Samuel Alphonsus Stritch was installed to-day as Archbishop of Chicago by the Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Amleto Cicognani.

The ceremony took place at the Holy Name Cathedral.

Bishop Stritch succeeds the late Archbishop Mundelein.

Chicago's is the largest Diocese in the United States.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, business was generally quiet owing to the luncheon by the Stock Exchange Committee to the officers of the Exeter and Ajax.

Gilt-edged securities initially were easy and later rallied. Home rails were stronger.

Industrials were mainly easier but shipping was firm.

Wall Street was firm.

B.E.F. Casualties

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The War Office has issued a casualty list in connection with the raid on a British post on March 5, giving the names of two of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry men who were killed in action, and 14 missing, believed to be prisoners.

French Losses

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—A French cameraman has been killed and two others have been wounded whilst on patrol duty.

Seek To Buy Govt. Ships

Bids By U.S. Shipping Companies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Maritime Commission said to-day that they may reach a decision next week on the bids submitted by the American Mail Line and the American President Line for the Puget Sound-Orient Line in which the Government owns six ships.

Meanwhile it is learned that Mr. Richard Reynolds of Winston-Salem N.C., has purchased, for personal interests, the steamer Stanley Dollar which formerly belonged to the American Mail Line.

Afridis Ready To Fight Reds

Famed Frontier Tribe And "Sacred Duty"

PESHAWAR, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Over 100,000 Afridi tribesmen are ready to fight against Russia, according to a daily vernacular paper published here.

The paper says the tribesmen have informed the Government that they will volunteer to fight in the event of Russia attacking any Eastern power.

The paper adds that as the Muslim Afridis consider it their sacred duty to prevent "a godless nation like Russia from succeeding in her designs" they will endeavour to secure the adherence of other important tribes to this principle.

Powerful Tribe

The Afridis are a Pathan tribe inhabiting the mountains on the Peshawar border of the North-West Frontier province of India. They are the most powerful and independent tribe on the border and the largest with the exception of the Waziris. Their origin is obscure but they are said to have Israelitish blood in their veins and they have a decidedly Semitic cast of features.

The tribe is divided into eight clans, seven of which live in the vicinity of the Khyber Pass and migrate to Tirah in the summer months.

Canadian Air Force H.Q.

Now Established In England

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Overseas Headquarters of the Royal Canadian Air Force has now been established in Britain.

Up to now there has only been a Liaison Officer, and the development marks an important stage in Canada's progressive contribution to the Empire's war effort.

This announcement was made by the Canadian Minister for National Defence, the Hon. Mr. Norman McLeod Roger, who also revealed that a major section of the new organisation had arrived in Great Britain.

Officers and men arrived and landed a few days ago and have now joined those who proceeded overseas in advance of the Canadian Army Co-operation Squadron which landed a fortnight ago to make arrangements for its reception.

Anti-War Bias Grows In U.S.

Significant Remarks By Ambassador

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador to London, in an interview here on his return from America, said: "If isolation means a desire to keep out of the war I should say it is definitely stronger now in America.

"I think very definitely that this feeling of isolation has been increased by the examination of mails and the stopping of ships.

"Such things as the sinking of neutral ships makes an impression on American minds but does not make America want to go to war."

Asked if there was any sign of a war boom in the United States, Mr. Kennedy replied: "The idea of America standing on the sideline and getting a lot of money is nonsense. The dislocation of trade and business is a very severe thing."

Flying Visit To Moscow

Stafford Cripps Said To Have Seen Stalin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 7 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Sir Stafford Cripps, former leader of the British Labour Party, made a flying trip through Sinkiang last February and interviewed Soviet leaders, probably including M. Stalin, discussing Anglo-Soviet relations and viewpoints in his personal capacity.

The report said Sir Stafford left for Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet authorities.

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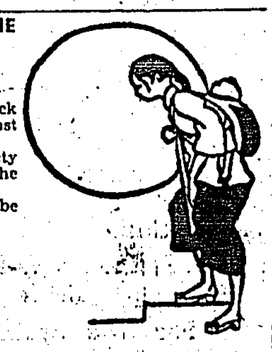

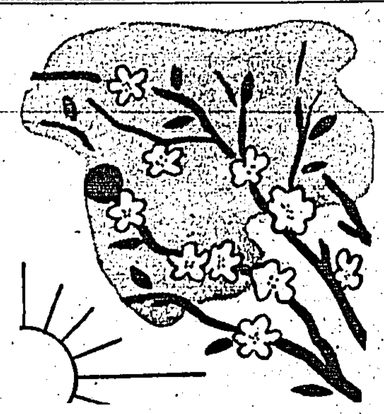

THE SHOES FOR STARTING SPRING SEASON ALREADY ON STOCK IN ALL OUR BRANCHES

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World Press Comment

Features Of European Conflict Reviewed

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Cairo paper, "Albalagh," after explaining the British attitude on Italian coal imports, says: "It is very typical of the Germans to try and exploit the incident, saying that the British action is illegal, but really it causes laughter to hear the Germans, who have violated every law, say that this is legal and that illegal."

The paper says that the dispute should be amicably settled.

The "Almokattam," referring to Mr. Sumner Welles, declares that peace is impossible now. Europe and the whole world must first be saved from a wicked and noxious element, the like of which the world has not suffered in many generations and which, if allowed to spread, will endanger all humanity and put back humanity hundreds of years. Therefore, neither America and other nations enjoying liberty and independence and possessing pride and honour will agree that sword will be the ruler of the world or that brute force will be the judge of mankind.

Nazis Besieged

The "Washington Star" says: "Instead of facing a Britain and France which Ribbentrop said would never fight, the Nazis are besieged by land and water. Their ships are swept from the seas, their mighty army pinned on the Siegfried Line, and their civilian population and industry are at wit's end to maintain themselves against slow but sure strangulation."

The Brazilian paper, "O Jornal," referring to the Welles mission, points out the impossibility of Allied negotiations with the Munich perjurer and a repeatedly faithless government.

Marked Activity

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—To-day's communique reports marked activity of French and German patrols on the eastern flank of the Vosges.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

PROSPECTS FOR FIRST EXTRA MEET

Events for Non-Winners At Spring Meet: Easy Day for Punters

ALTHOUGH it is officially called the First Extra (saddling bell at the usual 1.30 p.m.), the prelude to a series of six race meetings before the recess is in reality a continuation of the Annual Carnival, for all the events without exception are confined to Australian and China ponies that started at the Spring meeting and did not win.

There are the usual nine events on the card with the inclusion of only four handicap contests and it looks that punters will not have a bad day.

The curtain raiser will be the Hay and Corn Stakes for China ponies, subscription griffins of any season. The scramble over a short distance from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards) is to be ridden by the "red letters" jockeys, who have to carry a penalty of 2 lbs. for each race won in addition to the weights so designated in the programme.

One would hardly expect to find such stalwarts as Celtic Star, Portrush, Rose Evelyn and Salvage Master among the list of nominations.

Rose Evelyn is not a lady for a novice to handle, because the mare does not like the tape, and it is learned that the mount has been entrusted to Mr. G. Treverton. However, with a little luck Rose Evelyn should break the wish-bone and register the first win of the season for Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

Portrush has changed ownership (the new owner being Dr. Lee Shiukee), but the record of the fastest times over half mile performed by the pony will remain under the name of the late owner, Mrs. J. H. Taggart, until a new track figure has been established. This chestnut gelding is dangerous, and so is Celtic Star.

LOITERERS STAKES

Twenty-Three Entries For The Sprint

THE Loiterers Stakes for China ponies, bona fide griffins of the season, has attracted no less than 23 entries and the sprint is over six furlongs.

On their recent outings Dupont Bay, Johnber, Possible and White Diamond should be in the limelight, and I figure that Possible will catch the judges' eyes first. A red pencil can be drawn against Xenophon as the big noise maker pulled up lame after a gallop last Saturday.

RANDWICK PLATE

One Mile Event For The Australians

THE Randwick Plate (first section) for Australian subscription ponies of this season should be quite interesting, and the run is over a mile.

My best three are Ascot Day, Princess Claro and Vanity Fair, the last being my fancy, and the mare will be piloted by Mr. Ip Kui-ying, who was the jockey for a second place in the Blue Mountains Plate.

For a long shot I certainly recommend Franklin. Venus Bay is still green at the game, but it is worth remembering that the sire was Double Court.

HONGKONG H'CAP

(First Section)

THERE are 11 China ponies in the first section of the Hongkong Handicap, five being Derby griffins and the balance from the old brigade. All the youngsters of this season have been entered for the second event, and I have good reason to believe that they will not accept the allotment of the lead given by the handicapper.

However, I see that Dupont Bay and Galaxy are on the same level, and should the former weigh out, we are bound to witness a fine tussle over the champion course. For a beating of half length, Galaxy has been asked to concede 5 lbs. to Red Feather, and it looks a tough proposition.

Rob Roy and Humdrum Eve are nicely weighted, but the distance, I am afraid, is beyond their endurance. I like Red Feather.

DAILY DOUBLE

Moonie Ponds Handicap (First Section)

THE first leg of the daily double is on the Moonie Ponds Handicap (first section) for Australian ponies of any season, and the jaunt is over the mile.

Looking over the entries, Criffel strikes me as the best pick of the bunch, and, furthermore, the mare from John Peel's stable is well keyed for the event. I much prefer to see her over six furlongs, but nevertheless Criffel has a pull of 9 lbs. against Tornado Star, who heads the handicap, and we have to consider the adjustment of the poundage.

Cockleroi is another contender which must not be despised. Devonian let the public down very badly in the Adelaide Handicap, but the bay has been kindly treated for to-morrow's run. Should he be able to reproduce his form when he was third in the Melbourne Cup, Devonian should register his first win for Lady Northcote.

HONGKONG H'CAP

(Second Section)

IT was true that the judges could not separate Expansion Time (Mr. P. Wei) and Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao) for a second place in Ichang Handicap run at the Annual Carnival, and it is learned that both racers with the same two jockeys will weigh out to-morrow for the Hongkong Handicap (second section) over 1¼ miles.

Over a longer distance Expansion Time should turn the tables on Potentate, with Blue Diamond following behind. Jober is not bad for big money, but Gladiator, Just In Time, Rose Jane and Taxing Master are trying to win out of their distance.

RANDWICK PLATE

(Second Section)

ALBURY belonging to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen should not have any difficulty in crossing the bar first in the Randwick Plate (second section) for Australian ponies of this season, and, incidentally, this event is the second leg of the daily double.

Sea Jay and Spring Shine are my next two to fill the minor positions. Warrego River finished fourth be-

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VANISHING RACE PONIES?

Rose Elect and Desert Chief, two of the most prominent China ponies at Happy Valley last year. They are here being led in by Mrs. Eu Tong-sen after the Champions race at the 1939 annual meeting.

Gonsalves & Remedios Enter Second Round Of Open Doubles

(By "Tinker")

THERE WAS MUCH to interest spectators at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday when further matches in the Colony Open tennis championships were played. Four singles and one doubles, the scheduled programme, were decided. The most interesting was the doubles encounter, wherein A. V. Remedios and J. J. Gonsalves eliminated Ng Kam-chuen and Tsoi Ping-fan by 8-10, 6-4, 6-1.

The singles results were:

Tsui Wai-pui beat I. Agafuroff, 6-2, 6-4.

H. D. Rumjahn beat Firdos Khan, 6-1, 6-1.

S. A. Rumjahn beat B. C. Fay, 6-1, 6-4.

Tennie Kwok beat I. M. A. Razack, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5.

CLUB SINGLES

R. G. Beisel, jr., beat J. L. C. Pearce, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

C. H. R. Hyde beat J. T. Gould 5-7, 6-1, 10-8.

S. M. Garrard beat T. A. Pearce, 6-8, 6-4, 6-4.

It was in the doubles match that the necessity of linesmen in these faster games was emphasised. There could be no blame attached to the umpire, for the light was none too good, and all four players were hard hitters. I particularly followed the effect of a wrong decision in the fifth game of the first set, when Remedios and Gonsalves were leading 3-2 and 15-40 on their opponents' service. A ball dropped just outside the Reereio pair's baseline and raised a puff of dust. Mistakenly, the umpire thought it had been a line ball, and gave the point to the Chinese. They went on to win the game, making the score 3-3 instead of it being 4-2.

The Chinese won the seventh game, making the score 4-3 in their favour, instead of it being the other way round. The eighth and ninth games were won by Remedios and Gonsalves, giving them the lead at 5-4. Had they won the sixth game, the ninth game would have given them the first set at 6-3.

LONG STRUGGLE

AS it was the first set developed into a gruelling struggle which only ended after 18 games had been played, and ended against the Portuguese pair.

Ng and Tsoi were seen at their best in the opening set, and though many of their points were given them by their opponents through sheer carelessness, there was nothing among the other three that could equal Ng's forehand drive. It was, however, his only real stroke, and even that failed towards the end.

Remedios was the steadiest throughout. Over-anxiousness to place the ball carefully when at the net cost the Portuguese quite a number of points. Not having their whole attention on the ball, they hit too early and sent the ball into the net.

Gonsalves, though rather weak over-head, recovered the swing of his service in the second and third sets, and with the exercise of extra care with his ground shots was a most helpful partner.

After winning the first set, the Chinese pair never had the lead again. There was always a one-game difference between the score in the second set, while in the third they were definitely out-played.

FAY IN ACTION

B. C. FAY in action was quite a delight. He has a free and easy style, if not very accurate, and is possessed of a really powerful service. Sirdar Rumjahn's steadiness and retrieving power stood him in good stead when Fay's first cannonball service went over the net.

In the second set, when Fay applied a little more caution, the rallies were fairly long and interesting. But they invariably ended, not with winners, but with mistakes.

Tsui Wai-pui, the champion, though he conceded six games in the two sets against I. Agafuroff, was never seriously extended.

To-day's Matches

The following is the programme for to-day:

OPEN SINGLES

Lam Kwan v. J. W. Leonard
A. Crawford v. Ip Koon-hung
P. S. Leong v. S. A. Gray
Paul Kong v. J. S. Theobald
Wei Chung v. M. Pagh
W. C. Hung v. T. C. Chan

OPEN DOUBLES

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. S. A. Hussain and O. Rumjahn.

CLUB SINGLES

C. B. Nicholson v. G. W. Sewell

Are China Ponies To Disappear Altogether?

THE DECISION of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club to section all the Australian ponies into four classes instead of three after the First Extra Race Meeting, which will be staged to-morrow, has not taken us by surprise, because we fully expected the move so as to have a leg for 1941 meetings.

Quite recently a preliminary notice was circulated to members to the following effect that in view of the uncertainty of obtaining China pony subscription griffins, and the difficulty of acquiring China pony griffins *at reasonable prices*, the Stewards signified their intention of importing fifty Australian ponies *of a superior class* to the present subscription class.

This new class will be in addition to the Australian subscription griffins, which will be increased to a list of one hundred ponies. The cost of the new class will be approximately $1,450, and members will have to buy the ponies at an auction to be held under the auspices of the Race Club. Further details and regulations relating to this new class et cetera will be announced later.

SAFE ASSUMPTION

In the light of above one can safely assume that the so-called "China ponies" will, in a couple of years or more, go off the stage, and Happy Valley will be the living land of our "dumb friends" from the Antipodes.

However, it will be seen that apart from the fifty cobs comprising the new class, the list of Australian subscription griffins is limited to one hundred gee-gees against this season's bunch of 61 ponies, and, therefore, it stands to reason for one to predict that seventy-five per cent. of the programme for next year's Annual Carnival will be confined to Australian ponies. It will not surprise me in the least to see the Hongkong Derby be confined to the new class of Australian ponies and furthermore it will not be long to have an "E" class.

It will be recalled that for two years (1938 and 1939) in succession the late delivery of China ponies sub-class caused much anxiety not only to the Stewards but the owners as well, and the 1940 meet saw the elimination of that familiar racing phrase, "For China ponies, subscription griffins of this Club of this meeting."

DEALERS' EXCUSE

The exclusion of these subevents was forced upon the Club on account of the non-delivery of the steeds subscribed by members, and the Russian dealer's excuse was that he could not obtain an export permit from the Japanese Government owing to political hostilities up north. Apparently he must have used to his advantage the "Force Majeure" clause, but other sly Russian merchants were able to smuggle out quite a lot of China ponies, and the Hongkong Jockey Club informed its members that 62 Derby griffins entered for the annual big meeting.

I am not out to start a controversy, but there is a wide gulf of moral rectitude between the dealers of Australian and China ponies. The Commonwealth suppliers lived up to their contract, and all the shipments arrived here on time as stipulated by the Club, which naturally gave the trainers many months to prepare the ponies for the Spring meeting and the subsequent Saturday's afternoon sports.

Apart from the exorbitant prices for China ponies, the Russian dealers never think twice before affixing their signatures to any gunrantee, with the result that many owners have been caught with "scrap of paper" promises, and some are now in fool's paradise waiting for replaced Derby griffins. It will serve no purpose to enumerate a list of the "unfortunate" owners, but under this category a few Stewards are included. We leave the matter here.

WINDSOR LAD GOES TO STUD

WINDSOR LAD, winner of the Derby in 1934, is now owned by the Sun Insurance Company and a group of Lloyd's underwriters.

After his Derby victory the horse was bought by Mr. M. H. Benson for £50,000 from the Maharaja of Rajpipla.

The present change of ownership has resulted from an arbitration following an operation performed on the horse by Prof. O'Connor, the Dublin veterinary surgeon.

INSURED FOR £45,000

Windsor Lad was withdrawn from stud last year suffering from an infection of the frontal sinus. Mr. Benson wanted to have the horse destroyed, but as he was insured for £45,000, the insurance company sought their own veterinary opinion. The operation followed.

Mr. Benson, however, did not consider that the horse could resume stud duties. After arbitration, he agreed to accept a sum, stated to be £27,000, and another £14,000 to cover his expenses in Windsor Lad's illness.

The horse is to stand at Burntwood Stud, near Winchester, under the management of Capt. D. P. Nicoll. The stud fee will be made public shortly.

COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

P. H. WONG AND C. AU ENTER SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

Next Week's Schedule Amended

TWO MATCHES in the senior badminton singles championship of the Colony were played off at King's College last night, P. H. Wong and C. Au entering the semi-finals at the expense of C. K. Cheah and D. Kwok respectively. Only one of the two junior games at Taikoo was played.

The results were:

P. H. Wong beat C. K. Cheah 15-2, 15-6.

C. Au beat D. Kwok 15-4, 15-9.

JUNIOR SINGLES

W. Gillies beat F. Tsang 17-16, 15-5.

P. H. Wong was never fully extended by Cheah, who was nervous and erratic in the opening set, but who improved in the second.

Au had an easy win his first set against Kwok, but in the second, though leading 9-2, was forced to exert himself when his opponent drew level at 9-9.

Keen Shooting At Kowloon City Ranges

A LARGE CROWD of 124 enthusiasts were present at Wednesday's spoon and practice shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association at the Kowloon City Ranges. The weather was good, although the light deteriorated towards the end.

Mr. W. A. Tansley was again successful in the revolver shoot at 10 and 15 yards, securing 56 points out of a possible 60.

On Wednesday, March 13, firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards and will commence at 1.45 p.m.

Leading scores on Wednesday were as follows:

Aperture Sights

	H'cap.	300 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Tl.
Sgt. R. J. Heap Scr.	33	32	33	98n	
F/Sgt. F. Tollison 1	30	34	32	96	
Mr. W. Trenouth Scr. ..	31	34	31	96	
Mr. A. F. Evans 1	32	33	31	96	
A.S.P. (R) D. Lole Scr. ..	33	34	29	96	
Mr. A. L. Warburton 3 ..	30	34	31	95h	
Lt. A. J. Le Secileur Scr.	31	34	30	95	
Mr. J. A. Guard Scr.	32	31	31	94	
Mr. H. G. Foreman 2	33	30	31	94	
C/Sgt. P. Hale Scr.	32	33	29	94	
Sgt. (R) P. H. Thong Scr. .	30	32	31	93	
P.S. (R) K. C. Hoo 1	33	29	31	93	
P. S. Chanchal Singh 1 ..	29	34	30	93	
L/Sgt. W. Henderson 3 ..	30	33	30	93h	
L/Sgt. Puran Singh Scr. ..	32	32	29	93	
2/Lt. V. W. Cooper Scr. ..	29	31	32	92	
F/O. J. Farmer 0	28	30	33	91h	
S.I. (R) C. C. Chau Scr. .	29	31	31	91	
Cpl. S. G. Brighty Scr. ..	30	30	31	91	
R.S.M., F. Maslen 2	26	29	35	90b	
Capt. F. Sale 3	27	31	32	90	
Sgt. E. C. Brenner 0	27	32	29	90	
B/M. W. Kifford Scr.	31	31	27	89	
Sgt. (R) K. C. Wong 3 ..	28	31	29	88	
Major S. White 2	31	31	26	88	
S.I. (R) A. C. Chan 2	32	33	23	88	
Mr. C. A. Hyett 7	24	28	28	80	

Open Sights

Cpl. R. Langford Scr.	28	30	31	89n	
Sgt. M. F. Rushman Scr. ..	32	29	28	87	
L/Sgt. (R) O. T. Leong 0 .	32	30	25	87	
Sgt. R. Green 0	29	29	29	86h	
L/Cpl. T. Wood 5	28	30	27	85	
Cpl. V. M. Hammond 1 ..	29	31	21	81	
C.S.M. J. C. E. Mead 3 ..	30	24	30	80	
Cpl. Naranjan Singh 5	26	27	26	79	
Lt. C. E. Otway Nil	26	29	21	76	
Mr. G. H. R. Fox 14	23	27	27	77h	
Mr. C. A. Dunk 5	25	25	27	77	
Cpl. G. S. Lochrie Nil	24	29	22	75	
Lt. K. I. M. Buchanan Nil .	26	25	23	74	
Sgt. G. E. Breese 0	23	32	19	74	
P. C. Narain Singh 6	20	28	27	75	
P.S. (R) C. Wong 9	23	24	28	75	
A.C. W. H. Golder 11	25	23	25	73h	
Cpl. J. E. Hawkins 7	24	29	20	73	
Mr. H. A. Evans 10	24	25	21	70	

(n) winner of nett spoon. (h) winner of handicap spoon; (b) winner of possible button; winner of (n) or (h) will have his handicap reduced by one point.

Army And C.S.C.C. Cricket Teams

The following will represent Army in their Junior League cricket fixture with Civil Service Cricket Club, at Happy Valley, on Saturday.—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (Captain), Brigadier T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer, Lieut. A. W. F. Peal, Lieut. B. A. Fargus, S/Cndr. Gardner, Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Boocock, Pte. Emmerson, Pte. Hatfield, Gnr. Borsby.

CIVIL SERVICE TEAM

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI against the Army on Saturday.—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, E. W. Hamilton, P. D. Crawley, K. J. Attwell, V. C. Bond, T. L. Lockhart, G. P. Stone, H. F. Harper, A. F. Sheppard and J. F. MacGowan.

Next Week's Matches

THERE HAS BEEN a slight mix-up in the men's doubles matches. The fixtures contained in the following list are correct:

Tuesday, Mar. 12

OPEN DOUBLES

J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho v. H. Eardley and N. L. Smith (King's College, 8 p.m.).

C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin v. F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok (King's College, 8.45 p.m.).

K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung (Taikoo, 9 p.m.).

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lai v. F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Taikoo, 8.30 p.m.).

Thursday, Mar. 14

SENIOR SINGLES

K. L. Yong v. H. F. Chew (King's College, 8 p.m.).

H. Eardley v. P. S. Bun (King's College, 9 p.m.).

MIXED DOUBLES

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva v. T. T. Chin and Miss M. Ding (King's College, 8.30 p.m.).

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro v. P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung (Taikoo, 8.30 p.m.).

GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAM CHOSEN

Hongkong F.A. To Meet Chinese Federation

AT A MEETING of the League Management Committee yesterday the following team was selected to represent Hongkong Football Association against Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the final of the Governor's Cup at Caroline Hill on March 17 at 4 p.m.:—

Robinson (Navy); Blackburn (Police), O'Regan (Navy); Bright (Middlesex), Williamson (Kowloon), Wilkinson (Middlesex); Hossack (Royal Scots), Fox (R.E.), F. Fowler (Club), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Bickford (Club).

Reserves.—Sheehan (Middlesex), full-back; Forrow (Club) and Guy (R.A.), half-backs; B. Gosano (St. Joseph's), W. G. Pryde (Club) and Thomas (Middlesex), forwards.

Players Suspended

At an Emergency Committee meeting H. Millington and Ho Yau-kee, Club and Kitchee, respectively, who were given marching orders during their second division match on February 10, were suspended until December 31.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 9th March, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tiffins pro-obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

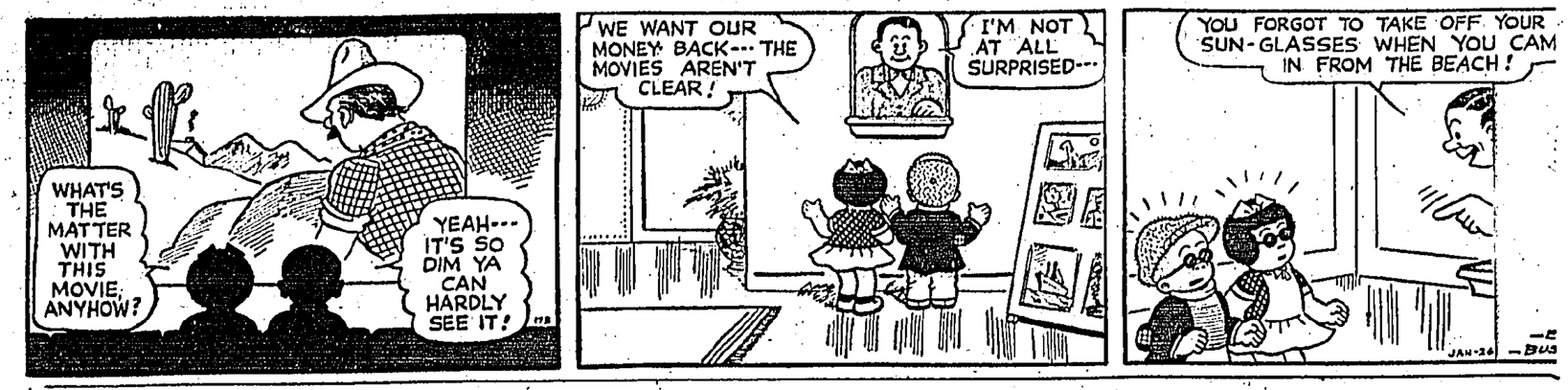
PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

NANCY By Ernie Bushmiller



KEEPING AN EYE ON FOOD SUPPLIES

Thanks to the vigilance of Britain's Navy, convoys of merchant ships are arriving with regularity in British ports. This view of a convoy in the Atlantic was taken from a cruiser accompanying the ships.

Sailors in "disguise" on the look-out for enemy ships or planes. A constant watch is essential, but it is a cold job at this time of year.

One of the men whose job it is to see food ships from all over the world reach our shores in safety.

The Men Who Volunteer for Finland

Workmen, Soldiers All Eager To Fight

VOLUNTEERS for Finland are rushing the recruiting office in Smith Square, Westminster.

Men of all classes and ages, workmen, professional men, ex-Army officers, clerks, men in reserved occupations, are there, all eager to fight for freedom.

Twenty-nine-year-old Edward Chalmers, of Glasgow, who has worked in the United States and Canada and is now employed in a London hotel, hopes to be off with the first draft. Until the outbreak of war he was serving in a merchant ship, but early last September he was paid off and had to seek a job ashore.

He Wanted To Be In It Quickly

"I want to be in this war one way or another," he said, "and this might be as good a way as any. I am 29, and it may be some time before I am called up in the ordinary way. I can't be bothered to wait for that.

"When I heard of the volunteer scheme from Finland I thought this might be the quickest way of getting into uniform, so I came down to see if they would have me.

"After all, one might as well fight in Finland as in France. It seems to me it's all for the same cause, anyhow.

"I met a great many Finns when I was in Canada. I have worked on lumber camps with them. They are nice people and very pleasant to work with. I think Finland is having a very raw deal and I hope this volunteer battalion can do something to help.

"I do not know how soon we shall be sent to Finland, but I hope to go with the first draft."

For Him It Began With A Holiday

Alexander Mackay, tall, 43-year-old Queensland farmer, who came over to England on holiday before the war, was another who signed up one afternoon. He served throughout the last war with the New Zealand Mounted Rifles, was wounded at Gallipoli.

Immediately on the outbreak of the present war he tried to enlist in the British Army in England. He was not accepted, so he thought he would join the Australian contingent when his fellow countrymen arrived in England. He finds now that he will have to return to Australia to enlist.

"All my friends back in Australia are in the Army now, and if I went back home it would only be to join up, but it seems to me a dreadful waste of time and money to travel over 12,000 miles to volunteer and then to have to come back to Europe again to fight. The fighting is here; I want to be in it, and this seems to me the simplest way to do it.

From The Tropics To Northern Snows

"The only thing that worries me about the campaign in Finland is the cold. I come from North Queensland, where the climate is tropical, and I am afraid I might not stand up very well to weather conditions similar to those I have seen in newspaper photographs lately.

"I thought the recent cold spell in London the absolute limit, but I am afraid it must have been colder than that in Finland. However, I have made up my mind to go, and the cold is not going to stop me."

An official of the Finnish Legation said that they have a great many volunteers to choose from, but that he could not say how many would be accepted for service in Finland.

Many volunteers are too old, others are of military age and, therefore cannot be accepted, and some are obviously not sufficiently robust to stand up to the severities of a campaign in the Far North.

"Women, too, have volunteered to serve as nurses and ambulance drivers," he said.

Could Speak 18 Tongues

PEOPLE who called on the 70-year-old hermit of Skirmett were rarely encouraged to stay and chat.

All the people in the neighbouring village of Hambledon, Bucks, knew the Hermit, Ernest George Terry, by sight, but very few of them knew that, if he had chosen to be chatty, he could have spoken to them in eighteen languages.

A short time ago he looked in at the window of a house not far from his hut and said that he felt ill.

His neighbours welcomed him to their fireside.

Died On Road

Malnutrition and exposure had taken too great an effect on him.

His condition was so serious that an ambulance was called.

He died in it.

In his pockets police found £50 in £1 notes.

In the hut were piles of share certificates and dividend warrants.

There was a library, too, of famous works and some editions that may prove to be valuable.

Many Secrets

It was nine years ago that he arrived at Skirmett. His hermitage was an Army hut which he erected on land purchased many years before by his father.

His range as a linguist and the fact that he was a man of means were only two of his secrets.

Here are some of the others:—

He had been a soldier of fortune.

Once he commanded a Chinese battalion in guerilla warfare. The Boer War found him in the Rhodesian Mounted Police.

Army Captain

He served as an interpreter of Chinese and Japanese in the Great War and held the rank of captain.

It is said that he once held an important post for the British Government in the Far East.

At Skirmett he spent nearly the whole of his time in the hut.

Sometimes he would take long walks. On the rare occasions when he came to London he would walk to Slough, 14 miles away, to catch a train.

A sister of his has been traced at Eastbourne. She has taken charge of his affairs.

Vitamin Injections Cure 'Flu

INJECTIONS of vitamins A and D are being used to treat influenza.

Dr. W. N. Leak, of Winsford, Cheshire, writes in the "British Medical Journal" that from experience he is convinced that an injection early in the disease will usually abort it.

Later injections are helpful, he says, but in no way specific.

At Work In Four Days

During the 1933 epidemic he saw a man prostrated with typical symptoms and a temperature of 103 degrees, who said even a mild attack put him off work for at least three weeks.

"I gave him an injection at once, and another next day, when he felt a lot better, though his temperature was 102." adds Dr. Leak.

"Four days later I found him, at 9 a.m., standing in the snow, selling his fish and taking no harm. Since then he always comes to my surgery on the slightest sign of influenza and asks for an injection. He has not lost a day's work since."

Gretna Green Smith Is Dead

MR. DAVID R. MACINTOSH, "priest" at Gretna Hall smithy, Gretna Green, who had performed more than 500 runaway weddings, is dead from pleurisy.

Mr. Macintosh, who was 53 years of age, started performing marriages over the anvil in 1938. When Mr. and Mrs. Macintosh bought the hall they revived the old romantic associations securing a number of genuine old relics and the old marriage register containing the names of many English noblemen as well as John Peel the famous huntsman.

Mr. Macintosh won the Court of Session fight last year between himself and his rival "priest," Mr. George Mackie, of the old blacksmith shop in Gretna Museum who sought to stop Mr. David Macintosh and his wife from using the words "blacksmith's shop" as a description of their premises.

Pacifism With Pastries

In wrapping up pastries for customers, Solomon Felstein inserted pacifist propaganda, until a customer complained.

Felstein, a 21-year-old baker, of Stepney Green, London, E., mentioned this as evidence of his pacifist ideals when he appeared before the South-Eastern Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal. He was registered as a conscientious objector on condition that he remains in his present work.

No Royal Courts During War

No Royal Courts will be held at Buckingham Palace this year.

In coming to this decision the King has followed the precedent set by his father, King George V., in the last war. No functions to take the place of the Courts were arranged between 1914-1916, and it is expected that in this, also, his Majesty will follow his father's lead.

Mothers of debutantes are not making plans for formal entertaining. There will be no official coming-out dances while the war lasts.

Many girls who would have been presented this summer will not even come to London. Most of them are doing war work at home.

LEFT HER MAID £3,000

MRS. ALICE A. McCRINDLE, of Regent's Park-road, Southampton, who died worth £36,722, left £3,000 and all the contents of her bedroom to her maid, Annie Elvish.

"We were almost like sisters," Miss Elvish said. "I was in Mrs. McCrindle's employment for 37 years."

Dutch Coal For Italy

Four Colliers Loading At Amsterdam

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, March 7 (UP).—The Italian Coal Delegation at Rotterdam to-day told the "United Press" by telephone that the loading of coal ships is continuing, but the delegation has no knowledge of the reported intention to send some of them to Antwerp to load non-contraband cargo.

They said the four ships which will probably be the first ready to leave for Italy are the Amsterday (8,673 tons), Gianfranco (8,181 tons) Nita (6,813 tons) and Tina Primo (4,853 tons).

Italian Ship Released

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—One Italian ship, which was stopped by British contraband control while carrying German coal from Rotterdam to Italy, has been released as it was found that she sailed before the embargo order came into effect but was delayed later by engine trouble.

It is emphasised here that cargoes seized from eight of the ships on Wednesday night will be detained until the end of the war. Then if the cargoes are of Italian or neutral ownership, they will be delivered.

The ships themselves are to be released as soon as possible.

PROSPECTS FOR FIRST EXTRA

(Continued from Page 8.)

hind Albury in the Blue Mountains Plate, and with Mr. D. Black in the saddle the combination is worth $5 each way.

If Busylight does not act the goat in the back stretch, the chestnut mare by Black Adder may be trusted with a spare five dollar bill for a place. Personally, I do not like the name of the sire.

ALL OUT STAKES

Boolat Bay's Prospects Appear Rosy

BOOLAT Bay owned by Mr. S. W. Lee has been knocking at the door for a long while, and his prospects of coming home first in the penultimate event, the All Out Stakes, for "C" class China ponies are rosy.

It will be recalled that the pony was ridden by the owner to victory in the West River Handicap on June 10, but as Mr. Lee could not steer a straight course, Boolat Bay was disqualified for boring. The steed finished the season without scoring a win.

At the February meeting, Mr. Lee's candidate succumbed to Tampa Bay by a short head for the first prize in the Curragh Handicap and the same margin separated him and National Pride for the first position in the Soochow Handicap. What was the matter? As the All Out Stakes is an open event, Boolat Bay is in my estimation a dead certainty, and he should be followed by Rose-Queen and Laughing Girl.

MOONIE PONDS HANDICAP

(Second Section)

A ROARING Time has cost the public a good sum of money, but with due respect to that astute jockey Mr. Peter Wei, I would much prefer to see Mr. Needa in the saddle. He has a golden gift of patience with moody animals, and last year he had two wins on the stinker.

A Roaring Time is well in on the handicap for the last event, the Moonie Ponds Handicap (second section), and he should be one of the favourites. Happy Landings is looking well, but I have not seen Pumpernickel after the Ladies Purse. Rising Star is the pick to follow up.

Roosevelt's Son Divorced

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mrs. Betsy Cushing Roosevelt has obtained a divorce from James Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's eldest son.

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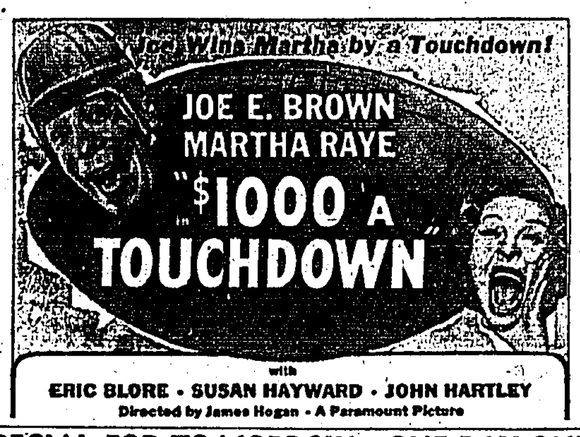

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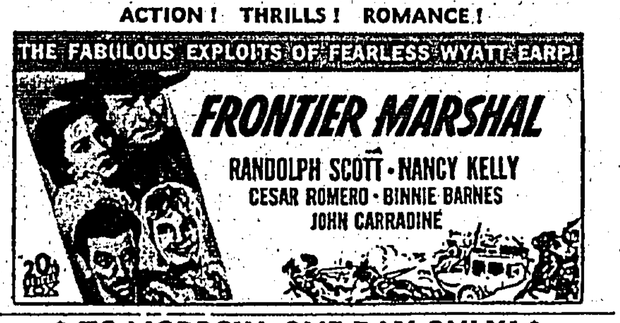

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Daladier Is Satisfied

Comment On Talks With Mr. Welles

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—"I am very satisfied with my conversation with Mr. Sumner Welles and with his visit," M. Daladier told "Reuter."

The talk had been scheduled to take only an hour, and consequently Mr. Welles was late for his next engagement with high officials of the Qual D'Orsay.

Mr. Welles also had a conversation, probably the most important of the visit, with M. Daladier at a small dinner party to-night.

Business Event

It is clear from the list of guests that the dinner was a business rather than a social occasion. Those present included M. Chaucmaps, the Vice-Premier, M. Champetier de Rebes, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and M. Coulondre, Director of the Foreign Ministers Office.

It is understood that French statesmen have made full use of the opportunity to explain France's view point in the war, and it is believed that Franco-Italian relations and the situation in Scandinavia were also referred to.

Efforts For Peace

London, Mar. 7.

The growing Japanese desire for ending the China incident cannot wholly be dissociated from the recent moves in Tokyo, aimed at improving relations between Japan and the Allies, says the *News Chronicle* in an editorial to-day.

The people of Britain would be glad to see the China war ended and with it China's sufferings. What they are not prepared to do is to stage a Far Eastern "Munich" to condone Japan's aggression and sell China in return for Japan's friendship. While the effect of any retreat will be bad enough to Britain it will be even worse to America. Nothing will do more harm to Anglo-American relations than acceptance of Japan's claims and the betrayal of the Chinese people.

There is something to be said for Britain and France in offering timely mediation between Tokyo and Chungking in an effort to bring about a settlement in the China war, but only if Japan is ready to repair some of the grievous wrong she has done to China by making peace on terms which will satisfy Chiang Kai-shek. —*Reuter.*

LATE NEWS

BORDER RUMOURS

Shooting Audible

RUMOURS WERE current in Hongkong this morning that the Japanese have effected a new landing at Namtau, north of Deep Bay, and that they intend pushing on to re-occupy Shum Chun.

—No confirmation of these rumours can be obtained from any reliable source in Hongkong.

The "Telegraph" learns from authoritative sources that small patrols of Japanese were observed north of Namtau two days ago, but reports from Namtau at midnight indicated that all was peaceful there and the Magistrate has denied that any untoward incidents have occurred.

However, it is officially learned that a small amount of shooting was audible in Chinese territory from Hongkong territory this morning.

No Japanese soldiers have been seen from the Hongkong side of the frontier and there has apparently been no influx of refugees.

COALITION GOVT. FOR AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Country Party will hold a meeting on Monday to consider an offer by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, to form a Coalition Government with Mr. Cameron, Country Party leader, as Deputy Prime Minister while other members of the Party are to be offered three portfolios and three honorary ministerships.

It is generally expected that the Country Party will accept the offer.

The coalition of Mr. Menzies' United Australian Party and the Country Party will give them a clear majority in Parliament although the Labour Party holds slightly more seats than either of them separately.

More Flights Over Germany

London, Mar. 7.

The Air Ministry announces that on Tuesday and Wednesday nights British aircraft carried out extensive reconnaissance flights over north-west Germany, including the naval base of Wilhelmshaven.—*United Press.*

Extensive Flights

London, Mar. 7.

It is learned that the R.A.F. flights were one of the most extensive series of observation flights during the war, covering in the aggregate over 10,000 miles. All the British aircraft returned safely despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and searchlights encountered by some formations.

The heavy barrage of anti-aircraft gunfire over Bremen and bursts of orange coloured flame marked the course of one machine as it flew high over the city. Near Cuxhaven a battery of between 20 and 30 searchlights came into operation but the pilots were able to evade them. Beams of bluish light probed the sky and on two occasions the raiders were held in converging beams for nearly half a minute.

The crew of a plane attacked by guns over Bremen saw two planes flying with navigation lights at a height of 10,000 feet over Heligoland Bight but German planes did not attack them.

Besides the towns already mentioned, the flights covered Hanover and Hamburg.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN INTERNEES

Rumours were current yesterday that the German internees in La Salle College Camp were being sent to Australia for internment there and that their wives had been given the option of either staying on in Hongkong or accompanying their husbands, in which case they would also be interned in Australia. This was the course adopted in the Great War.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, denied any knowledge of the report.

Reds Lose Tanks Wholesale

Fighting Raging On The Karelian Isthmus

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—To-day's Finnish war communique states that in the western part of the Karelian Ishmus, the Russians made violent attacks against the north-west coast of Viborg Bay.

Fighting still continues for the possession of the islands in this region in the neck of the Gulf of Viborg.

Enemy detachments, which advanced on the ice, suffered heavy losses as the result of Finnish gun-fire, and more than 30 tanks were destroyed.

Between the Bay of Viborg and Voukski, Finnish troops repulsed a local attack, destroyed 17 tanks.

Islands Lost

At Taipale an enemy attack, prepared by prolonged artillery fire, was repulsed.

North of Lake Ladoga, the enemy attacked in Pitkaranta and the archipelago, and took a few islands occupied by the Finns.

The Finnish air force bombarded troops and enemy columns sighted on the ice of the Gulf of Finland and Viborg Bay.

Finns Call Up Reserves

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The 1920 class was called up for military service to-day, comprising men of 19 and 20 years of age who, in the normal way, would not be called to the colours until autumn this year.

Submarine Highway

Japanese Tunnel To Open This Year

Tokyo, Mar. 7.

Initiating a revolution in the transport system throughout Japan, the submarine tunnel linking the western tip of Honshu and the northern end of Kyushu will be opened to railway traffic this year.

Construction work on the tunnel boring through the sea bottom was started on September 1, 1936. Completed after over four years of hazardous engineering work, the tunnel will not only greatly improve the railway system in Japan but also have far-reaching effects on the communications between Japan, Manchukuo and China.

Mr. Nishio, chief of the Passenger Service Department of the Ministry of Railways, is leaving Tokyo on March 11 to make arrangements with Manchukuo and Chinese authorities regarding the proposed revision of transport plans between Japan, Manchuria, North and Central China in consequence of the opening of the submarine passage.—*Domei.*

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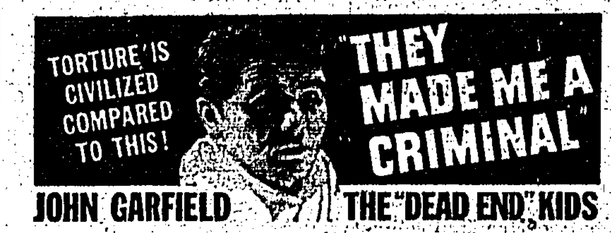

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Dominion Pilots Help To Down Heinkel Plane Off Scottish Coast While—

R.A.F. CARRIES OUT GREATEST SURVEY FLIGHT OF THE WAR

Five Important German Cities Are "Raided"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 7.—Pilots from the Dominions helped to shoot down a German Heinkel bomber into the sea off the south-east coast of Scotland to-day.

Their exploit set the seal on yesterday as a day of triumph for Britain's airmen.

Subsequently, the Air Ministry announced that:

1.—The R.A.F. carried out the greatest survey flight of the war last night, visiting in turn Bremen, Hanover, Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven.

2.—The British machines covered well over 10,000 miles, some of them in Arctic weather, but all returned safely.

3.—Spitfires, in addition to bringing down the Heinkel off Scotland, repulsed Nazi raiders off the east coast of England in a thrilling duel which is exclusively described by eye-witnesses.

The men who flew over Germany were in the air almost all night. When the R.A.F. pilots returned, their machines untouched by anti-aircraft fire or the bullets of fighter planes, they reported flights that were almost boring because of their lack of excitement.

Bremen "Reception"

Only the planes that visited Bremen appear to have met with a warm reception.

The pilots who raided Cuxhaven reported that they evaded something like fifty German searchlights which swept the skies searching for tehm. Anti-aircraft guns went into action at Bremen, where the R.A.F. men were greated with bursts of "flaming onions"—linked shrapnel which, if it fails to cripple the plane when it bursts, may become enmeshed in its propellers and so bring it down.

Two German fighters took off shortly after the British machines turned back from Bremen, and were sighted over Heligoland Bight. But they made no attempt to attack the British squadron.

Ice On Wings

Most of the British planes encountered good weather. But one squadron ran into Arctic conditions, in which a temperature of 30 degrees below Centigrade was recorded. Ice formed on the wings of the machines.

All the British planes returned safely to their bases.

Violent Dog-Fights

Residents at east coast towns witnessed violent dog-fights between British and German planes shortly after Sir Kingsley Wood had made his dramatic speech in the House of Commons, in which he paid tribute to the fine record of the R.A.F.

One raider almost collided with a British pursuit plane before it zoomed into the clouds and disappeared, with the R.A.F. machines on its tail.

A few minutes later a second Heinkel bomber appeared with two Spitfires on its tail. As the German scurried desperately across the water, only a few feet above the surface, the Spitfires were reinforced by another three British machines and the enemy, looking so much like a rat with five terriers on its tail, disappeared out to sea.

"I was standing looking out to sea when the Jerry appeared," said an eye-witness.

"Our two chaps were right on his tail.

"He dived down to the surface of the sea in order to prevent our men from getting below him.

"Then the real dog-fight began.

Dived Straight At Plane

"One of our planes came down like lightning, straight towards the German plane.

"I thought they were going to collide, but at the last minute they swerved out of each other's way.

"They then began the craziest aerobatics I've ever seen.

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SPITFIRES FLY AT 362 m.p.h.

SPEED of the Supermarine Spitfire, Britain's fastest fighter in regular service, is 362 m.p.h. at 18,500ft.

The Spitfire climbs to 11,000ft. in 4min. 48sec., equal to a vertical ascent at 26 miles an hour.

The De Havilland Flamingo air liner has been recorded as having a top speed of 243 m.p.h. and a cruising speed at 5,000ft. of 227 m.p.h.

RUMANIA TO STAY NEUTRAL

Impressive Speech By King Carol

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Mar. 7 (UP).—Dressed in the olive drab uniform of a General in the Royal Guard, with a great white cloak bearing the Order of Saint Michael exposing his left shoulder, King Carol of Rumania to-day read one of the most impressive speeches before Parliament for the past ten years.

Crown Prince Michael, almost six feet tall, wore the field uniform of a Lieutenant.

Wild Applause

The atmosphere was one of a united wartime Parliament. There was wild applause at every mention of the Army and the country's frontiers and yet, when the King spoke of more friendly relations with Bulgaria, of a united Balkan Entente as well as "the traditional community of spirit" between Rumania and Italy, the applause was almost equally as enthusiastic.

King Carol did not mention names when he stated that Rumania desired friendly relations with all nations.

"My Government has set forces in motion to strengthen relations with our Allies and to develop friendly relations with neighbouring States," he said.

Policy Fully Approved

He made reference to Bulgaria, Hungary and Soviet Russia, all of whom have territorial claims against Rumania which have not yet been renounced. Referring to relations with Bulgaria, he said: "The reception given our Minister of Finance

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FRANCE'S WAR AIMS

Three-Point Programme Is Revealed

Paris, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—According to authoritative circles, France's war aims, as told to Mr. Sumner Welles, are:

(1) Restoration of the independence and territorial integrity of Poland, Austria and Czecho-Slovakia;

(2) Any peace must contain material and positive guarantees against further German aggression;

(3) France does not want a patched-up peace which leaves Europe at the mercy of another German threat in the near future.

France herself has no desire to dominate Europe and Germany must show that she has abandoned all such intentions.

Turks Shoot Down Plane

Bulgarian Machine Violates Territory

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 7 (UP).—It is officially announced that Turkish anti-aircraft batteries to-day shot down a Bulgarian plane.

The Bulgarian machine was flying over Turkish territory.

Death Of Japanese Princess

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 8 (Domei).—Her Highness Princess Masako Takeda, consort of the late Prince Tsunehisa Takeda, passed away at 2.27 o'clock this morning.

Her Highness has been suffering from pneumonia.

Princess Takeda, 52 years of age, was the sixth daughter of the late Emperor Meiji.

Three Nominees For S.M.C. Seat

SHANGHAI, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—Nomination of the third American candidate in Municipal Council posts makes necessary a primary election soon in the American community.

A few nominee is Mr. N. F. Allman. Others are R. T. McDonnell and J. W. Carney.

If there are more nominees, an election campaign is possible.

Monday is the nomination deadline.

Liner's Novel Anti-Mine Protection

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Queen Elizabeth is equipped with cables running completely around her hull. These are believed to be electrically charged for the purpose of safeguarding the ship from magnetic mines.

The navigation bridge was protected by steel plates and there are two pill-boxes on the navigation deck. No guns are visible.

Captain J. C. Townley's first words were: "Well——we're here!"

Only officials of the Cunard-White Star Line are permitted to board the liner.

Cunarder's Dramatic Voyage

"That's Doin' 'Itler In The Eye"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Queen Elizabeth steamed to New York at almost full speed. She was protected by a screen of naval vessels.

She avoided the normal steamer lane to New York and went by a northern route most of the way.

"Splendid! Very good work indeed," was Mr. Winston Churchill's comment on the safe transport of the Queen Elizabeth:

"That's doin' little old 'Itler in the eye," says the Man-In-The-Street "How's old Nasty goin' to explain this one away."

However, the Air Ministry view the accomplishment as a reminder that mass air raids may be expected in the near future.

Complete Surprise

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The giant British liner Queen Elizabeth has brought to an end her strange maiden voyage.

She lay in quarantine to-day waiting for the late afternoon tide to take her up to her berth.

Although hundreds of people must have seen her leave the Clyde ten days ago, the announcement made on Wednesday night that she was nearing the United States came as a com-

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'Bomb Berlin' Demand In House of Commons

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Hugh Dalton asked for a definite assurance that all plans were completely prepared for our bombers to take immediate action against military targets in Germany in the event of any attempt being made to bomb London or any other objective in this country. (Cheers).

Mr. Dalton declared that a number of people connected with the production of aircraft were not altogether satisfied that even yet we were getting the maximum rate of output.

"There is some evidence that rather too many types of planes are under consideration," he declared.

Wants Long-Range Fighter

He questioned whether we had in use a fighter equal to the Messerschmitt 110.

"It is argued by persons of technical competence that we should now be producing a two-seater long-range fighter armed with cannon and capable of a speed of at least 350 miles an hour.

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes suggested that in order to secure more effective co-operation with the Navy in the protection of shipping in the North Sea, the coastal air force should be placed under the complete control of the Admiralty and that additional bomber and fighter squadrons be trained without delay.

"Impossible" New Soviet Demands On Finland

WANT SURRENDER OF HANGOE ISLAND

By EDWARD BEATTIE
"UNITED PRESS" WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 8 (UP).—Finland officially confirms the reception of Russian demands.

An official statement is promised later.

I am informed that the Finnish Government regards the surrender of Hangoe as an impossible demand.

Russia, it is stated, has announced her intention of building a naval base on the islands.

This would give her absolute control of the Gulf of Finland.

"Hangoe would be just an opening wedge," I was told.

"With Hangoe ceded, there would be other and more far-reaching demands in six months' time.

Finland, official statements emphasise, would welcome an honourable peace.

But the term "honourable peace" does not, at the present stage of the proceedings, include the surrender of what Finland considers her vital rights.

Real Peace Wanted

The simple fact is that, regardless of certain feelers put out by one quarter or another, there has been much more talk of peace and mediation outside Finland than in Helsingfors itself.

Nobody here denies that a real, workable peace would be eagerly welcomed. But there is not the slightest evidence that any responsible Finn wants to stop the war at all costs.

The loss of Viborg, even the folding of the eastern end of the Mannerheim Line, would not mean the end of the war or of Finnish resistance.

There is still strength for many campaigns left in the Finnish Army, regardless of what developments the next few days may bring.

The average Finn would rather die defending his country than buckle under to the invader.

Finnish Appreciation

HELSINGFORS, Mar 7 (Reuter).—Finnish newspapers welcome the recent broadcast speech by Colonel Kermit Roosevelt who as head of the British volunteers for Finland took the Volunteer's oath in London yesterday in the presence of the Finnish Minister to London.

Calling the British volunteer warriors of humanity, one leading newspaper here contrasts this practical help with the mere expressions of sympathy, and says that the British have shown an understanding of what is really at stake.

Finns Will Fight On

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (UP).—It has been indicated by unofficial quarters that the Finns are prepared to carry on the fight and will not make any territorial concessions, particularly with regard to the Hango Peninsula.

ROOSEVELT DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 7 (UP).—Mrs. James (Betsy) Roosevelt has been granted a divorce.

The hearing lasted only one-minute.

No Changes In Trade Disputes Act

LONDON, Mar 7 (Reuter).—It would be impracticable in war-time to introduce the necessary legislation to alter the provisions of the Trade Disputes Act of 1927, the Prime Minister told a deputation of the Trade Union Congress at 10 Downing Street to-day.

The deputation expressed profound disappointment and said that they would report the position to the General Council.

CORONEL, Chile, Mar. 7 (UP).—Twenty people were killed and many more are missing following an explosion in the Bo[illegible] coal mines.

Stockholm's Precautions

Telephones Cut Off To "Stop Rumours"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Telephone communication between Stockholm and a number of foreign capitals, including London, was interrupted at the Swedish end to-night.

In Copenhagen, "Reuter" was told that calls to Stockholm had stopped "because the Government does not want sensational rumours published about the situation."

Ultimatum Report

The word "situation", it is assumed, refers to rumours of Swedish mediation in Finland.

A later report on this matter comes from the Paris radio, which states that the Soviets have presented Finland with an ultimatum expiring at noon to-morrow.

No corroboration of this is available elsewhere.

World Press Comment

Features Of European Conflict Reviewed

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Cairo paper, "Albalagh," after explaining the British attitude on Italian coal imports, says: "It is very typical of the Germans to try and exploit the incident, saying that the British action is illegal, but really it causes laughter to hear the Germans, who have violated every law, say that this is legal and that illegal."

The paper says that the dispute should be amicably settled.

The "Almokattam," referring to Mr. Sumner Welles, declares that peace is impossible now. Europe and the whole world must first be saved from a wicked and noxious element, the like of which the world has not suffered in many generations and which, if allowed to spread, will endanger all humanity and put back humanity hundreds of years. Therefore, neither America and other nations enjoying liberty and independence and possessing pride and honour will agree that sword will be the ruler of the world or that brute force will be the judge of mankind.

Nazis Besieged

The "Washington Star" says: "Instead of facing a Britain and France which Ribbentrop said would never fight, the Nazis are besieged by land and water. Their ships are swept from the seas, their mighty army pinned on the Siegfried Line, and their civilian population and industry are at wit's end to maintain themselves against slow but sure strangulation."

The Brazilian paper, "O Jornal," referring to the Welles mission, points out the impossibility of Allied negotiations with the Munich perjurer and a repeatedly faithless government.

BORDER RUMOURS

Shooting Audible

RUMOURS WERE current in Hongkong this morning that the Japanese have effected a new landing at Namtau, north of Deep Bay, and that they intend pushing on to re-occupy Shum Chun.

No confirmation of these rumours can be obtained from any reliable source in Hongkong.

The "Telegraph" learns from authoritative sources that small patrols of Japanese were observed north of Namtau two days ago, but reports from Namtau at midnight indicated that all was peaceful there and the Magistrate has denied that any untoward incidents have occurred.

However, it is officially learned that a small amount of shooting was audible in Chinese territory from Hongkong territory this morning.

No Japanese soldiers have been seen from the Hongkong side of the frontier and there has apparently been no influx of refugees.

S'hai Footballer Not Injured

SHANGHAI, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—Sergeant J. Campbell, of the Seaforth Highlanders' team, was not injured in a motor cycle accident as reported yesterday, the "Shanghai Times" says to-day.

His identity was confused with Sergeant George Campbell, of the Motor Transport Company, who was injured.

J. Campbell was not in the accident and is continuing his soccer career.

LATEST

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POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 28th Feb. ....Mar. 8.
Canton ....Mar. 8.
Japan and Shanghai ....Mar. 8.
Shanghai and Amoy ....Mar. 8.
Shanghai ....Mar. 8.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon ....Mar. 9.
Japan and Shanghai ....Mar. 9.
Sandakan ....Mar. 9.
Shanghai ....Mar. 9.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 2nd. March ....Mar. 10.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd March ....Mar. 10.
Canton ....Mar. 10.
Japan and Shanghai ....Mar. 10.
Saigon ....Mar. 10.
Straits and Manila ....Mar. 10.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 25th January). ....Mar. 10.
U.S.A., and Manila—(San Francisco date, 17th Feb.) ....Mar. 10.
Haiphong ....Mar. 11.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard ....Mar. 11.
Japan. ....Mar. 11.
Japan and Shanghai ....Mar. 12.
Shanghai ....Mar. 12.
Straits and Palembang ....Mar. 12.

OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, March 8

Shanghai ....12.30 p.m.
Straits ....1.30 p.m.
Manila ....2.30 p.m.
Tientsin (Parcels only) ....2.30 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 9

Canton ....7.15 a.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Straits, Ceylon and Egypt. ....9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, and Hoihow ..1.30 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th April.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg., ...1.45 p.m.
Ord., ...2.30 p.m.
Manila ....2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 9th April

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. ....Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
Saigon ....5.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan ....5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th March.

Kowloon P. O.

Reg., ...Mar. 9, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg., ...Mar. 9, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 11, 7.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 17th March

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg., ...5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...5.30 p.m.
Yokohama, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 26th March.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg. ....5.00 p.m.
Ord. ....5.30 p.m.
Saigon ....5.30 p.m.
Haiphong ....5.30 p.m.
Manila ....5.30 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. 9 a.m.
Shanghai ....9 a.m.
Japan ....9 a.m.

Monday, March 11

Haiphong ....1 p.m.
Canton ....7 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1940, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks, $....1,470 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £ 92 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £ ..92 n.
Chartered £ ....9⅝ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £....31¼ n.
Mercantile, C. £....12½ n.
East Asia $....77 n.

INSURANCES

Canton $....227½ b.
Union $....480 b.
China Underwriters $....1 n.
H.K. Fire $....185 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases $....115 b.
Steamboats $....10½ sa.
Indo-Chinas P$ ....100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.$....80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/- ....80/7½ n.
Waterboats $ ....7½ n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves $....103 b.
Docks $....22½ n.
Providents $....5.10 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. $....39 n

MINING

Kailan s/- ....18 n.
Raubs $....10 n.
Venz. Gold $....4 n.
H.K. Mines ....4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels $....5.70 n.
Lands $....38½ n.
Lands 4% Debentures ....100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $....15.40 n.
Humphreys $....7¾ n.
H.K. Realties $....5 n.
Chinese Estates $....105 n.

UTILITIES

Trams $....18.10 s.
Peak Trams (old) $....8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $....4 n.
Star Ferries $....67 n.
Y. Ferries $....27½ n.
China Lights (old) $....8.45 n.
China Lights (new) $....5.55 n.
H.K. Electrics $....67.60 sa.
Macao Electrics $ ....22 n.
Sandakan Lights $....11¼ b.
Telephones (old) $....29.80 n.
Telephones (new) $....11¾ n.
Tractions s/- ....C.D. 21/9 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/- ....23/- n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $..14.00 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $...12 n.
Canton Ices $....1 n.
Cements $....19.60 sa.
H.K. Ropes $....6.10 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) $....22¾ sa.
Dairy Farms (new) $....22 n.
Watsons $....9½ sa.
Lane, Crawfords $....7½ n.
Sinceres $....1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $....41 n.
Powell, Ltd. $....1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. $....42¼ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $....170 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. $....65 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $....48½ n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments $....7.40 n.
Constructions (old) $ ....1¾ n.
Constructions (new) $....1 n.
Vibro Piling $....6¾ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. Bonds ....51% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan ....100¾ n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan ....95½ n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/- ....14/9 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- ....4/- n.

Roosevelt's Son Divorced

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mrs. Betsy Cushing Roosevelt has obtained a divorce from James Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's eldest son.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N. (feet)	S. (feet)	E. (feet)	W. (feet)	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4234.	Junction of Prince Edward Road & Argyle Street.	As per sale plan.				About 21,500	$246	$16,125

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stirling Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4235.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2980 & 4023, Stirling Road.	As per sale plan.				About 14,000	$160	$7,000

Sensational Trial Likely

Alleged Fraud Through The U.S. Mails

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (UP).—The trial of the five alleged accomplices of Coster Musica began in the Federal Court to-day. Great sensations are promised.

They are charged with defrauding through the United States mails and violation of the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules. The accused include the brothers of Coster, George and Robert Musica.

CONCILIATION TREATIES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—It has been learned here that the United States is negotiating treaties of conciliation with Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand providing that any dispute arising between the Dominions and the United States shall be referred to a permanent Conciliation Commission consisting of five members, two of whom will represented the United States.

There will be a separate Commission for each Dominion.

The United States has already a conciliatory treaty with Britain but its references to the Dominions since the Statute of Westminster are regarded as out of date.

G. R.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N. (feet)	S. (feet)	E. (feet)	W. (feet)	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4236.	Boundary Street between Sai Yeung Choi Street & Tung Choi Street, Mongkok.	as per sale plan.				About 8,270	$152	$18,608

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N. (feet)	S. (feet)	E. (feet)	W. (feet)	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2769	Junction of Fuk Wing Street & Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan	as per sale plan.				About 11,800	$162	$7,080

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London 1/2 13/16
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T.T. Shanghai 350
T.T. Singapore 52½
T.T. Japan 103
T.T. India 82¼
T.T. U.S.A. 24¼
T.T. Manila 48½
T.T. Batavia 45⅛
T.T. Bangkok 150¼
T.T. Saigon 103¾
T.T. France 10.85
T.T. Switzerland 107
T.T. Australia 1/6⅞

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4 m/s D/P do. 1/3¼
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 25
4 m/s France 11.40
30 d/s India 83⅞
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. ..3.03⅞

Peiping's "Flower Street" Gutted

PEIPING, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—Flower Street, the famous Mecca of foreign tourists and wellknown for Chinese jewellery and curios, was burned down this morning. Over 70 shops were gutted, involving a loss of over $500,000.

HONGKONG CENSORS CRITICISED

Criticism of the Hongkong censors' action to opening transit U.S. mail has appeared in the "Christian Science Monitor", leading American newspaper.

The Shanghai correspondent of the newspaper alleged that American residents of Shanghai have been considerably exercised over recent receipt of mail from the United States which bore a rubber stamp of the Hongkong censors: "Passed by Censor Hongkong."

Paper's Complaint

The "Christian Science Monitor" correspondent says:

The question immediately arose as to what right British censors had to deal with mail in transit from the United States to American recipients at points other than Hongkong. An editorial on this point was published in the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post.

When the editorial was telegraphed to Hongkong by a British news agency here, it elicited a response that transit mail is normally passed by the Hongkong censors without opening. The stamp cited, it was said, was only an indication that the mail had passed through the censors' hands—not that it had been read.

It was further explained that mail which was actually censored was opened at the ends and then sealed with a piece of paper bearing the legend, "Opened by Censor, Hongkong".

The Evening Post retorted with front-page publication of an envelope sent to a neutral firm in Shanghai from Berne, Switzerland, which had been torn open at the end and sealed with a paper marked "Opened by Censor, Hongkong," despite the fact that it was transit mail.

Terming this an "outrageous violation of the clear rights of neutrals," the Post said it had learned of instances where mail had been opened and censored even though it was from a point within China (Swatow) and destined to another point within China (Shanghai).

Much American mail does not ordinarily pass through Hongkong but of late, certain ships have been routed from Japan direct to Hongkong without touching Shanghai. This means that the censors have a chance.

Old Tender Spot

The Hongkong Post Office is an old tender spot so far as Shanghai is concerned, for during the period of the 1937 hostilities it caused much trouble to this port.

All Shanghai mail from the outside world used to go to Hongkong during that period, and instead of sending it up the coast by the direct ships then plying, Hongkong used to send it instead to Canton which in turn would transmit it by rail to Hankow.

By the time it had progressed down-Yangtze from Hankow to its intended recipients, often a period of several weeks would have elapsed—not greatly to the benefit of Shanghai businessmen.

Decree For Laurence Olivier's Wife

A decree nisi, with costs, was granted in the Divorce Court to Mrs. Jill Esmond Olivier (Jill Esmond the actress) on the ground of the adultery of her husband, Mr. Laurence Kerr Olivier, the actor. The suit was not defended.

The case for Mrs. Olivier, whose address was given as Queen's Grove, N.W., was that the marriage was a very happy one for six years, but, in 1937, her husband told her he was in love with Mrs. Vivien Leigh Holman, with whom he had made films.

Mrs. Olivier was given the custody of the child.

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You make my wheels go round.
R2199—And so to bed.
It's getting harder to discover.
R2238—Faust de-bunked.
Don't tell my Mother.
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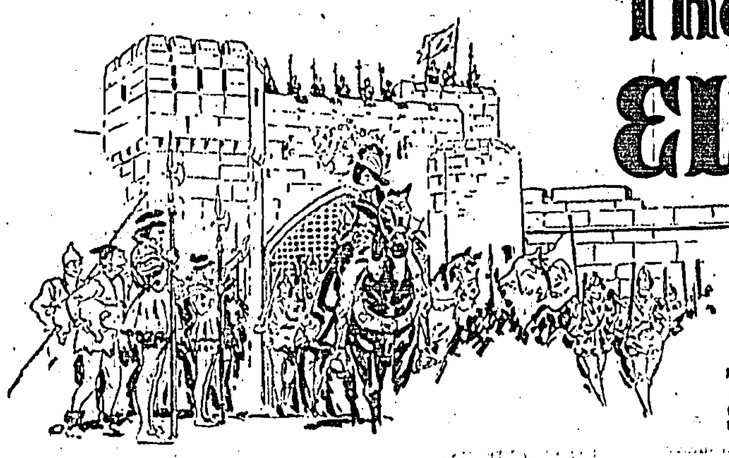

"The Private Lives OF ELIZABETH AND ESSEX"

From The Warner Bros. Film Of The Same Name, Which Will Be Screened In Hongkong Shortly.

THE grim courtyard of the Tower of London was flooded with morning light.

Men-at-arms, the Queen's Guard, and other troops were being marched into position to form a hollow square; in a corner, the headsman, a brutal-faced man with a shaven head, sat on the execution block whetting his axe and whistling *"Lord Essex at Cadiz."*

A kitten sidled up to him. He fondled it, and went on testing the edge with gusto. When the protesting shouts of the populace grew louder, he lifted his head, listened to the confused sounds, shrugged, grinned, and went on with his gruesome work.

HIGH within the Tower, chained to the wall of his cell, sat Essex, dirty and unshaven, on the edge of his pallet.

Silent, he turned Elizabeth's ring around and around on his finger.

Two men-at-arms were on guard, and a monk was intoning Latin prayers. Like distant surf the roar of the crowd came up, and at last Essex spoke dully.

"Is Her Majesty here in the Tower?"

"Yes, my lord," said one of the guards," she took residence in her apartments above, two nights ago."

"And . . . no word for me?"

"No, my lord."

THE STORY THUS FAR: London, 1596. The Earl of Essex and his subordinates, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Howard, are just back from the storming of Cadiz, when the Queen—whose mad infatuation with Essex is notorious—summons them. Essex, enraged because Elizabeth elevates Raleigh and Howard instead of himself, protests, is struck across the face by the Queen, and leaves London. Her armies defeated in Ireland, she sends Bacon to bring back Essex, who consents only when Bacon tells of the intrigues of Raleigh and the rest. The Queen tries to prevent Essex from heading her army in Ireland, fearing he may be killed. Dared by the Council, however, he vows to go. Receiving no news from Essex, because his letters have been purloined, she orders him back to England. He marches on Whitehall meaning to take the throne. Elizabeth meets him, all is forgiven, and the old love restored, until he tells her that he must share the throne with her, when, without further warning, she consigns him to the Tower.

At a narrow casement in an outer room of the Queen's apartments stood Lady Penelope Grey, looking down at the preparations for the execution in the courtyard, and weeping bitterly.

"But crying won't help, dear . . ." said Mistress Margaret Radcliffe, softly. "Why do you cry for him?"

"Heaven knows," sobbed Penelope, "he never cried for me!"

"The Queen will not let it happen . . ."

"The half hour's struck . . . He's to die at six!"

"And she's sent him no word?"

"Not she! She's waiting for word from *him*! Sitting there all the night before last . . . all yesterday—all last night . . . in that room . . . on her Chair of State, sleepless . . . staring . . . waiting . . . waiting for him to beg her pardon . . . But he's too proud . . . too . . . too . . ."

"Heaven help us women . . . Is there nothing we . . ."

"Yes, there is! Perhaps there's one last chance! I'm going to tell her about those letters . . . I can't keep silent any longer . . . Even though it's my head that rolls in the dust . . . beside his!"

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MOVED to tears by Penelope's plea the Queen sent for Essex.

When, haggard and grim, he emerged from the trap-door and stood before her, she dismissed the guards.

"You spoil me for death, Elizabeth . . ." he said in a low voice. "Wouldn't it have been kinder to leave me with my thoughts?"

"Are you so set on dying?"

"If it comes . . . it's best that I go forth quickly and meet it . . ."

"You know, Robert, that I never meant that you should die."

"I've been found guilty of treason and treason is punishable by death."

"I waited . . . thinking you would send the ring . . . but the nights went by, somehow, like the days, and it never came . . . and here is the last morning . . . the last quarter-hour . . ."

"I played for power once—and lost! But *listen!*"

Faint and far distant arose the angry roar of the mob, with half-comprehended cries of "Up, Essex!" —"Down with the Queen!"—"Release him!"

"Do you hear that, Elizabeth?" he continued tensely, "The people are with me . . . and . . . I had another chance . . . I'd win!"

"Why do you tell me this? Don't you know . . . what it means?" Then, desperately, her hands reaching blindly for his hands, "You can't! You can't go this way, Robert! I'll not let you! I love you . . . love you . . ."

"Then . . . ! Are you ready to give up your crown to me?"

"No! No! No, I cannot . . . I do love you . . . will always love you till life is drained from me . . . no matter how long and lonely the after years may be! But there's another love . . . greater even than that! *England!* That is my greatest and most enduring love—and when I think of what you would do to my country if you were king—I'd see you *dead!* Yes, and your soul condemned in eternity forever —before I'd let you do it!"

"You think *I* don't love England?"

"You do . . . but your love does not match your lust for power! For the greater glory of Essex you'd make war upon the world . . . drag down your country and drown her in a sea of debts and blood!"

"Perhaps," he murmured sadly, "you are right . . . If so it's better that I go! If things had been different, you simply a woman and not a queen, and I a man, with no empire between us, we could have searched heaven and earth for two perfect lovers, and ended the search with ourselves. For out of all this earth that I am now to leave, I care about leaving nothing . . . nothing but you . . ."

"Robert, stay with me . . . Share with me . . . Give me the ring . . ."

"No . . . for if I did I'd be your death or you'd be mine . . . and you . . . and England must live! Goodbye then . . . my darling . . ."

"Oh, I'm old . . . I'm old . . . With you I could have been young again . . . Robert . . . take my throne . . . take England . . ." But he was gone.

She stood staring as the drums increased . . . reached their peak . . . stopped suddenly. Then the single, heavy thud of a drum. Then silence.

THE END

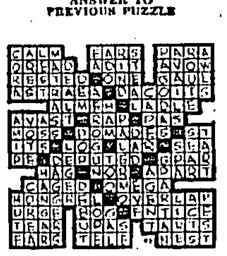
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

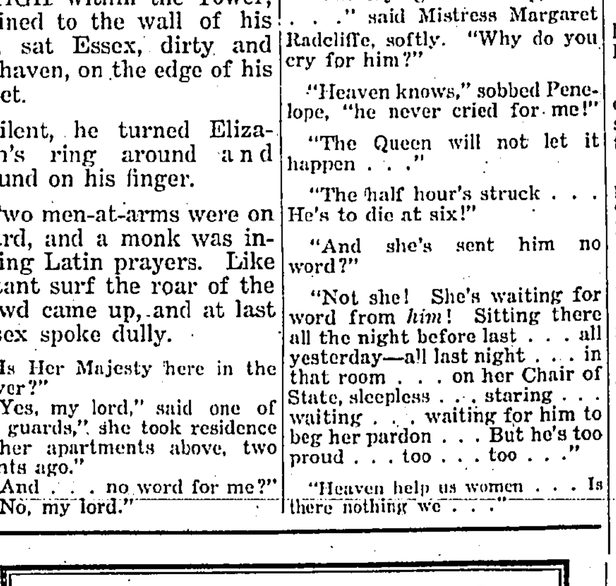
1—Regret
5—Toward interior
10—Wearing effect of weather
16—Agonizing labor
17—Perform
18—Make happy
20—Exist
21—In this manner
22—Serpent
24—Excess of solar year over 12 months
26—Delete
28—Element in air
30—Whistling signal
32—Article
33—Boy
35—Flashy
37—Insect
39—Hangman's ropes
42—Bare
44—Toward
45—Perilous
46—Middle
48—Proceed
49—Permit use of
51—Ransvase
52—Unit of work
54—Overseer of manor
56—Join with thread
57—Number
59—Cries
61—Radicals
64—Cut
66—Lost color
68—Fish eggs
69—3.1416
70—Mongrel dog
72—Courses of thought
74—You and I
75—Lasting forever
78—Having robes
80—Landed estate
81—Valves in furnace

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Kind of fort
2—Worn away
3—Month (abbr.)
4—Suffix: full of
5—Anger
6—Cleansing substances
7—Brings as consequence
8—That thing
9—National Recovery Act
10—Item of merchandise
11—Prevent from happening
12—Sun god
13—One who disagrees
14—Wild plum
19—Unbleached
23—Voting places
25—Period in office
27—Exclamation
29—Part of South America
31—Female relative
34—Delay
35—Garment
38—Ripped
39—Of great size
40—Kind of feldspar
41—Heats again
43—Come to
47—High buildings
50—Profound
51—Answered
53—Go to right
55—Calf meat
58—Mother-of-pearl
60—Medicinal plant
62—Down
63—Plant embryos
64—Hurried
65—Swift streams
67—Skin
71—Fled
73—Soak up
76—Printer's measure
77—French article
79—Exist



"Yes, my lord," said one of the guards," she took residence in her apartments above, two nights ago."

"And . . . no word for me?"

"No, my lord."

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM?

CAN you identify the ranks and ratings of Britain's fighting services?

Many of the present rankings in all European armies descend directly from the legions of Rome, and the rest from the Middle Ages.

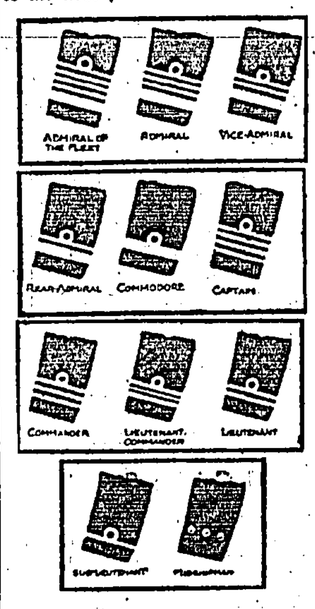
Thus captains, sergeants, and corporals have marched from the days of the pike through the era of the match-lock and blunderbuss to the present day.

The sergeant was a mounted officer way back in the twelfth century, ranking only below a knight. The title is derived from the French word "serviens," to serve.

Corporals held much power in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when they were classified as superior staff officers. Incidentally, the petty officer of the Royal Navy was once called a "ship's corporal."

Even to-day the two Household Cavalry regiments, the Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards, have corporals-of-horse and corporal-majors in the place of sergeants.

Let us take the senior service—the Navy—first. Here are the rank marks from midshipman to admiral of the fleet.



The title of admiral, by the way, is corrupted from a title used by the Moors in Spain centuries ago. Their craft at sea were commanded by Emirs-Almar.

Commodores were first introduced after the Dutch wars.

Now we come to the ratings. These are some of the chief badges. They easily identify the callings of the bearers:—

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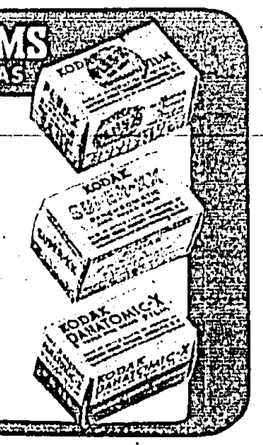

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Canadian Air Force H.Q.

Now Established In England

LONDON, Mar 7 (Reuter).—The Overseas Headquarters of the Royal Canadian Air Force has now been established in Britain.

Up to now there has only been a Liaison Officer, and the development marks an important stage in Canada's progressive contribution to the Empire's war effort.

This announcement was made by the Canadian Minister for National Defence, the Hon. Mr. Norman McLeod Roger, who also revealed that a major section of the new organisation had arrived in Great Britain.

Officers and men arrived and landed a few days ago and have now joined those who proceeded overseas in advance of the Canadian Army Co-operation Squadron which landed a fortnight ago to make arrangements for its reception.

DUTCH SHIPS ATTACKED

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—When the Dutch motorship Delfzaje arrived in Port Hansweert she reported that she had been heavily attacked by an unknown aeroplane while on her way to Rotterdam.

The aeroplane started by raking the motorship with machine-gun fire.

Then it dropped six or seven bombs which fell nearby causing terrific explosions which rocked the ship and did considerable damage.

Flying Visit To Moscow

Stafford Cripps Said To Have Seen Stalin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 7 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Sir Stafford Cripps, former leader of the British Labour Party, made a flying trip through Sinkiang last February and interviewed Soviet leaders, probably including M. Stalin, discussing Anglo-Soviet relations and viewpoints in his personal capacity.

The report said Sir Stafford left for Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet authorities.

B.E.F. Casualties

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The War Office has issued a casualty list in connection with the raid on a British post on March 5, giving the names of two of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry men who were killed in action, and 14 missing, believed to be prisoners.

French Losses

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—A French cameraman has been killed and two others have been wounded whilst on patrol duty.

North China And New Regime

PEIPING, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—It is presumed locally that North China will retain more or less an independent status under the Central regime.

Grave Food Shortage

Peiping Faces A Trying Period

PEIPING, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—The spotlight locally has shifted from political affairs to the economic situation, and even the forthcoming Central Political Conference at Nanking, at which the future political status of North China will possibly be decided, cannot obscure or even rival the serious rapidly worsening situation.

Despite all efforts of the authorities, the food situation shows all signs of developing into a major tragedy, and it is a wonder that the Chinese are able to exist at all under the present condition.

Costs Twice As Much

According to the latest figures, it costs a family twice as much to subsist on the meanest fare as its monthly income.

Already there have been near riots in Peiping. Hundreds are gathering daily at food shops. The most tragic scenes are witnessed as crowds of half-starving Chinese, including women and children, gather in the hope of purchasing food which is either non-existent or is being sold at exorbitant prices or in the hands of unscrupulous hoarders.

Arabs With The Allies

Near East Position Is Stronger Than Ever

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" special correspondent at Amman (Trans-Jordan) says: "My visit to Trans-Jordan has convinced me that if the war moves to the Near East, Britain will be in a far stronger defensive position than the Turks were in the last war.

"Britain is in the happy position of enjoying the complete confidence of the Arabs of Trans-Jordan and the Arabs will play an important part in defending the Allied lines of communication.

Enemy's Main Objectives

"The enemy's main objective would be the pipe-line from Kirkur to Tripoli and Haifa, which supplies oil for the Mediterranean Fleet and the Allied armies. He would also aim at the newly-built road alongside the pipe-line from Haifa to Baghdad and the Persian Gulf, which forms an alternative to the Suez Canal route to India.

"The Arabs would co-operate in the struggle not by attacking the enemy's lines of communication as in the last war but by defending the Allies' line."

Anti-War Bias Grows In U.S.

Significant Remarks By Ambassador

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador to London, in an interview here on his return from America, said: "If isolation means a desire to keep out of the war I should say it is definitely stronger now in America.

"I think very definitely that this feeling of isolation has been increased by the examination of mails and the stopping of ships.

"Such things as the sinking of neutral ships makes an impression on American minds but does not make America want to go to war."

Asked if there was any sign of a war boom in the United States, Mr. Kennedy replied: "The idea of America standing on the sideline and getting a lot of money is nonsense. The dislocation of trade and business is a very severe thing."

Daladier Is Satisfied

Comment On Talks With Mr. Welles

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—"I am very satisfied with my conversation with Mr. Sumner Welles and with his visit," M. Daladier told "Reuter."

The talk had been scheduled to take only an hour, and consequently Mr. Welles was late for his next engagement with high officials of the Quai D'Orsay.

Mr. Welles also had a conversation, probably the most important of the visit, with M. Daladier at a small dinner party to-night.

Business Event

It is clear from the list of guests that the dinner was a business rather than a social occasion. Those present included M. Chautemps, the Vice-Premier, M. Champetier de Rebes, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and M. Coulondre, Director of the Foreign Ministers Office.

It is understood that French statesmen have made full use of the opportunity to explain France's view point in the war, and it is believed that Franco-Italian relations and the situation in Scandinavia were also referred to.

Big U.S. Loan For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (UP).—Mrs. Jesse Jones to-day announced that the Export and Import Bank has allocated $20,000,000 for China.

Other Loans Approved

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Export-Import Bank announces that the trustees have approved a loan of $20,000,000 to China to finance non-military exports.

Loans of $10,000,000 and $1,000,000 are approved for Denmark and Iceland respectively.

COALITION GOVT. FOR AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Country Party will hold a meeting on Monday to consider an offer by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, to form a Coalition Government with Mr. Cameron, Country Party leader, as Deputy Prime Minister while other members of the Party are to be offered three portfolios and three honorary ministerships.

It is generally expected that the Country Party will accept the offer.

The coalition of Mr. Menzies' United Australian Party and the Country Party will give them a clear majority in Parliament although the Labour Party holds slightly more seats than either of them separately.

Afridis Ready To Fight Reds

Famed Frontier Tribe And "Sacred Duty"

PESHAWAR, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Over 100,000 Afridi tribesmen are ready to fight against Russia, according to a daily vernacular paper published here.

The paper says the tribesmen have informed the Government that they will volunteer to fight in the event of Russia attacking any Eastern power.

The paper adds that as the Muslim Afridis consider it their sacred duty to prevent "an godless nation like Russia from succeeding in her designs" they will endeavour to secure the adherence of other important tribes to this principle.

Powerful Tribe

The Afridis are a Pathan tribe inhabiting the mountains on the Peshawar border of the North-West Frontier province of India. They are the most powerful and independent tribe on the border and the largest with the exception of the Waziris. Their origin is obscure but they are said to have Israelitish blood in their veins and they have a decidedly Semitic cast of features.

The tribe is divided into eight clans, seven of which live in the vicinity of the Khyber Pass and migrate to Tirah in the summer months.

Seek To Buy Govt. Ships

Bids By U.S. Shipping Companies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Maritime Commission said to-day that they may reach a decision next week on the bids submitted by the American Mail Line and the American President Line for the Puget Sound-Orient Line in which the Government owns six ships.

Meanwhile it is learned that Mr. Richard Reynolds of Winston-Salem N.C., has purchased, for personal interests, the steamer Stanley Dollar which formerly belonged to the American Mail Line.

DISASTROUS MANILA FIRE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Mar. 8 (UP).—Three hundred and fifty families were rendered homeless, scores were injured and 100,000 peso worth of damage done when a fire broke out in San Pedro Makati, a suburb of Manila near Fort William McKinley, the U.S. Army Reservation, early this morning.

Many American-owned homes were endangered. Seventy-one native houses were destroyed many of which were owned by Philippine Scouts, (Filipinos enlisted in the U.S. Army).

Dutch Coal For Italy

Four Colliers Loading At Amsterdam

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, March 7 (UP).—The Italian Coal Delegation at Rotterdam to-day told the "United Press" by telephone that the loading of coal ships is continuing, but the delegation has no knowledge of the reported intention to send some of them to Antwerp to load non-contraband cargo.

They said the four ships which will probably be the first ready to leave for Italy are the Amsterday (8,673 tons), Gianfranco (8,161 tons) Nita (6,813 tons) and Tina Primo (4,853 tons).

Italian Ship Released

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—One Italian ship, which was stopped by British contraband control while carrying German coal from Rotterdam to Italy, has been released as it was found that she sailed before the embargo order came into effect but was delayed later by engine trouble.

It is emphasised here that cargoes seized from eight of the ships on Wednesday night will be detained until the end of the war. Then if the cargoes are of Italian or neutral ownership, they will be delivered.

The ships themselves are to be released as soon as possible.

Brussels Comment

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Brussels paper, "Libel," discussing the Italian protest regarding the coal question, notes that the arguments are based firstly on juridical and secondly on material grounds.

The paper points out that the juridical arguments "constitute a summary of the complaints which neutrals undeniably have the right to raise against the Allied blockade methods."

The article continues, however: "These arguments present only one side of the picture and do not mention the greater shortcomings of which Germany is guilty.

Italy Forgets This

"Naturally the unilateral character of these complaints removes much of their weight nor can one forget that Italy, during the last war and in the Turkish-Italian war of 1911, never felt such a respect for maritime and international law."

"Te Peuple" says: "If Italy thinks that she can use her non-belligerent position to put pressure on the Allies to compromise in the Franco-British blockade or render the German war-machine a clandestine service, she shows a profound ignorance of the true equilibrium of the forces in Europe."

Reds Lose Tanks Wholesale

Fighting Raging On The Karelian Isthmus

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—To-day's Finnish war communique states that in the western part of the Karelian Ishmus, the Russians made violent attacks against the north-west coast of Viborg Bay.

Fighting still continues for the possession of the islands in this region in the neck of the Gulf of Viborg.

Enemy detachments, which advanced on the ice, suffered heavy losses as the result of Finnish gunfire, and more than 30 tanks were destroyed.

Between the Bay of Viborg and Voukski, Finnish troops repulsed a local attack, destroyed 17 tanks.

Islands Lost

At Taipale an enemy attack, prepared by prolonged artillery fire, was repulsed.

North of Lake Ladoga, the enemy attacked in Pitkaranta and the archipelago, and took a few islands occupied by the Finns.

The Finnish air force bombarded troops and enemy columns sighted on the ice of the Gulf of Finland and Viborg Bay.

Finns Call Up Reserves

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The 1020 class was called up for military service to-day, comprising men of 19 and 20 years of age who, in the normal way, would not be called to the colours until autumn this year.

CIGARETTES FOR THE FIGHTERS

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—British and American employees of the Bahrein Petroleum Co. have subscribed for over 112,000 cigarettes for men of the forces through the Overseas Tobacco Fund.

This fund keeps a special eye on the needs of prisoners of war to whom cigarettes are now being sent. It is also learnt that 5,000,000 cigarettes will be sent to mine-sweepers shortly.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, business was generally quiet owing to the luncheon by the Stock Exchange Committee to the officers of the Exeter and Ajax.

Gilt-edged securities initially were easy and later rallied. Home rails were stronger.

Industrials were mainly easier but shipping was firm.

Wall Street was firm.

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12.30 Marek Weber & His Orch. with Webster Booth (Tenor).—1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Sea Shanties by John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

1.12 B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Johann Strauss.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Compositions of Gershwin.

6.28 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.30 Half an hour of Variety and Dance Music.

7.0 London Relay—"She is My Lovely." The first of a new series of light entertainment.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Ella Logan (Mezzo-Soprano) with A. T. Lay at the Piano.

(a) Linden Lea, (b) Fairings, (c) The Song my Mother Sang:..Ella Logan; Little Ballad...A. T. Lay; (a) The Birds go North, (b) Husheen... Ella Logan.

8.30 Orchestral Selections.

8.50 Studio—Talk on Psychology by Father G. Byrne, S.J. 4: I Play with My Dog and Pet Monkey.

9.05 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 Chopin—Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11.—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

10.20 Violin Solos by Natan Milstein.

10.35 Spanish Music.

11.0 Close down.

Norway Not Satisfied

Demands Compensation For Ship's Loss

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, March 7 (UP).—The Norwegian Foreign Office reports that a note has been sent to Berlin rejecting the German reply to the Norwegian protest against the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Elka in the middle of February.

Norway is demanding compensation for the loss of the steamer, crew and cargo, and a firm condemnation of the commander of the submarine responsible for the sinking.

Mr. Welles Starts Paris Talks

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles had talks to-night with President Lebrun and M. Daladier, the French Premier.

The visit to the President was a brief courtesy call, for Mr. Welles arrived 15 minutes ahead of schedule, before preparations for his reception were complete. He stayed over an hour.

He drove immediately to the Ministry of War and talked with M. Daladier an hour and 40 minutes.

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

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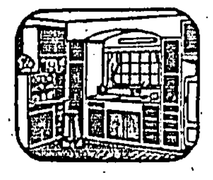

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Desperate Nazis

THE great discrepancies between the British and German accounts of the latest air operations at sea are probably accounted for by the necessity which the Nazi authorities feel to distract the attention of the German public from the ignominy of the Graf Spee.

This theory is supported by the haste with which the Berlin broadcasting authorities put on the air one night a special programme to celebrate "the glorious German air victory this afternoon"—a typical piece of Nazi showmanship, designed to keep Germans from thinking of other things.

Also, the German public are repeatedly warned of the penalties for listening to foreign broadcasts.

We hear much about the solidarity of the people behind their Fuehrer, but the Fuehrer has little faith in their ability to take bad news. The German war spirit must be kept up with a constant succession of "achievements" which, when not completely faked, are greatly exaggerated.

Aerial encounters off the German coast are assuming larger proportions. It was to be expected that the enemy would resist in strength the enterprises that the Royal Air Force has been regularly conducting in that quarter. The British losses have not been light, but the Nazis' have been more serious. That our bombers should prove more than a match for the German fighters is significant. In encounters near the British coast the raiding bombers have had much the worse of it.

All these are straight fights. Much different are the attacks which the German air force is developing against small British craft such as trawlers and finishing smacks. These outrages, as Mr. Churchill has pithily said, indicate the exasperation of the enemy, who feels the long arm of sea power laid upon his soldier. The Nazis' preference for firing their guns, bombs and machine-guns at victims who cannot strike back is a policy in which only they could find cause for satisfaction and pride.

DARLING OF THE STAGE...

Was what they called Maxine Elliott, who died yesterday

BEAUTY that was breath-taking gave Maxine Elliott her fame on the stage; uncanny shrewdness for investments gave her a fortune, while poise and dignity gave her a place in the most exclusive international society, where kings came and went as intimates.

She was white haired and old, but the things she had won were never diminished—her name, her fortune and her place among the great.

From the little girl who watched the sea gulls from her father's cargo ship, in the blustery harbours of New England, to the aging, but immensely self-possessed woman who sat in the sun outside her famous Riviera chateau and watched kings, dukes, princes and princesses diving in her swimming pool, was a long period, and a long career.

It was a career which the goddess of luck protected unfailingly, and Maxine Elliott never knew the usual fate of the actress—oblivion. The only thing she missed in life was lasting domestic happiness.

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NOT that Maxine Elliott ever suffered neglect. That could never be said about a woman who had a New York theatre bearing her name, whose beauty captivated King Edward VII, whose fabulous chateau was saved from flames one day, not by the local fire department, but by the British Navy—no less—part of which happened to be in the harbour.

Her real name was the good, sound, Yankee name of Jessica Dermot, and neighbours and relatives in Rockland, where she was born on Feb. 5, 1871, always referred to her as Jessica, even when she was famous.

The name Maxine Elliott was suggested by Dion Boucicault. Her younger sister, Gertrude, also took the name Elliott; she too became an actress of the first order and married Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson, renowned English Shakespearian actor. One of their daughters, Diana, is the wife of Vincent Sheean.

As a little girl, Jessica was aboard ship much of the time—in Maine, and at Oakland, where her skipper father also had a home. She went to a convent school in Roxbury, for a while, but her beauty, pure and rather austere, and her figure, which was superb, brought her rapidly to the New York stage. She was only 16 when she arrived there, and at once fell under the best influences.

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HER first job was with E. S Willard in a minor part in the popular play of "The Middleman" at Wallack's theatre. That was in 1890. She stayed with Willard for three years, and learned the fundamentals. She worked hard, learned with thoroughness and never forgot. This she had to do, because, beautiful though Maxine was, and keenly intelligent, nevertheless she was not an actress by instinct and genius. For her it was a learned profession, which took much learning.

For a season she played second to Rose Coghlan in "Diplomacy," "London Assurance" and "Forget Me Not" and then was engaged by Augustin Daly, playing leading parts in his theatre, in comedy, melodrama and Shakespeare. In 1895 she went over to London with Daly's company, made a hit and began to acquire the British friendships which soon were to include King Edward himself.

For several years, beginning in 1896, she was the leading star in Nat C. Goodwin's company, and played everything from "The Cowboy and the Lady" to "The Merchant of Venice." When she began with Goodwin's troupe, she was married to George McDermott, a New York lawyer of prominence, but divorced him that same year and married Goodwin in 1898. The marriage lasted only 10 years, for in 1908 she refused to live any longer with him, and allowed him to get a divorce on the ground of desertion.

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SHE reached her height in the fall of that year, when "Maxine Elliott's Theatre" opened in Times Square, the only New York theatre built, owned and operated by a woman since the long forgotten days of Laura Keene.

She had saved her money, and her own business intuition was of the first order. It was she who planned the theatre, she who supervised its building, and she who profited thereby—along with Lee Shubert.

There was a rather thick veil of mystery around her first meeting with King Edward VII, which took place one sunny summer day at Marienbad. However it happened, there is not the slightest doubt that her beauty and charm caught the king off balance and resulted in a friendship that lasted until his death.

He was often among her guests at her English home, Hartsbourne Manor, which became a brilliant centre for society, royal, theatrical, literary and otherwise.

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WHEN Maxine bought Hartsbourne Manor in 1910, she announced that she would retire from the stage, and this she did, for a time. But three years later she was back in London, making a success in Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree's play, "Joseph and His Brethren."

Then came the Great War and even she was caught in its flood.

She went to Belgium, in charge of her own ambulance, and worked there steadily and intensely until the end of 1916, when she went back to New York for the first time in seven years, wearing the Belgian Order of the Crown.

It was King Edward VII who made Cannes a favourite and fashion winter and summer resort for English and American society, and it was Maxine Elliott's chateau there that kept many social figures coming to the Riviera during the depression-ridden 1930s. It was built in 1930 at a cost of £70,000, one of the few chateaux of the region which open directly upon the sea. It stands 30 feet above the water, and in the grounds is a private swimming pool.

English society visited at the place so often that it acquired the nickname of "The House of Lords."

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THERE were brilliant parties there. The Duke of Windsor and his American wife were her good friends, and there were some historic political arguments around the Elliott dinner table, with such varied personalities as Windsor, Anthony Eden, Winston Churchill and Somerset Maugham taking part.

After the Great War, the life of Maxine Elliott was a peaceful one, and her maternal instincts found their outlet in the care she took with her many nieces. For a long time she even used to design their dresses and cut them out herself.

There were, to be sure, one or two adventures. There was that time when her chateau almost burned down, and there was another time, in Florida, when she was rescued from drowning, but that was the extent of the excitement. She wanted peace and found it. She never wished publicity for its own sake. (She did not give an interview in 30 years.)

She lived as she wished, mistress of her household and herself.

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"Remember, Nettie—no more sweets for the children to-day. I'm very careful about what goes in their tummies!"

Someone said: Suppose you'd 6 months off

by

HOWARD MARSHALL

SIX months' holiday; no financial cares; unlimited resources; where would I go?

What a question! What a hope, incidentally. But never mind about that.

At once I am tempted to say that I should buy a small boat and follow the example of Alain Gerbault, the French Davis Cup player.

Gerbault sailed into the blue, you may remember. Much to the consternation of his friends, who could not understand why lawn tennis did not satisfy him.

So did Captain Joshua Slocum, who built a boat himself and journeyed in it alone around the world. Alone, save for a goat, who embarrassed him by eating his only chart.

"I sat long on the starlit deck," wrote Joshua in his log, "thinking of ships and watching the constellations on their voyage."

There's peace for you. I could spare some of my six months for the constellations.

We need time to sit and think. Never did we need it so much. And never were we so afraid of it.

In between whiles we need to fend for ourselves. We are becoming atrophied. I manage to shave myself, certainly, and put on my clothes. I raise my food to my mouth and transport my 15st. to a bus. But what else do I have to achieve to survive the daily round?

That is why I think a small boat would be stimulating and satisfactory. Not a luxury liner, but a boat which depended upon my efforts for its voyaging.

To Get Tough Again

BUT, perhaps, so aimless a journey is not permitted by the conditions. I must name my destination.

Very well. Without hesitation, I should go to New Zealand?

Why New Zealand?

Well, it depends what you demand of your six months. Personally, I have no wish to idle. The best kind of holiday is not complete laziness, but change of occupation.

This summer, for example, I hope to spend some of my spare time building a wall of old bricks. A purposeful wall down one side of a cottage garden. That will be true recreation.

So in New Zealand I should live on a sheep station and do a job of work. I should ride, and enjoy the best trout fishing in the world.

I should, in short, toughen myself up again. I have a horror of growing soft. Not that I want to keep puffing my chest out and progressing in a constant series of physical jerks.

No, the softness of life in a great city, with its synthetic amusements and its comforts and its artificiality, that's what frightens me.

I am certain man was not meant to burn out his brief life in cities. It makes me shudder to think that thousands of youngsters in London have never stepped off hard pavements.

There are no vast cities in New Zealand. The towns there are still compact. Even if you are condemned to work in an office, you can step outside when your day is done and fish or shoot or ride or bathe to your heart's content.

The country is at your door, free and unspoiled.

Here, even when we can escape, it is preserved against us and covered with bungalows at that.

I am a little tired, let me admit, of the snobbery and convention, the shams and smug self-satisfaction, the airs and graces of the old world.

I would like to spend my six months in a real country. And New Zealand fills the bill.

It may not have spectacular scenery to offer me, though it is beautiful enough. It may not cater for the sophisticated sightseer. And heaven be praised for that. What it will offer me, apart from trout fishing, is warm hospitality and that odd anachronism—a man's life.

They're Neighbourly

I HAVE many New Zealand friends. They are grand folk, kindly and straightforward. They don't judge a man by his wealth, but by his worth. They are neighbourly. And that's more than we are in London.

There are other places, I don't doubt, which I should do well to investigate.

I like living things. The past does not rouse in me any sentimental nostalgia.

Give me, therefore, a country which is alive.

Then how about America?

Well, America would be interesting but exhausting.

If six months are dropped into my lap out of Eternity, I want to savour them in reasonable quietude.

But why do we travel, when all is said and done? To escape from ourselves? I might do that, I suppose, in the South Seas. Or at Bali, where the moon, they tell me, is fatal to the susceptible.

I might escape into the real India—not, mark you, the India of tiffin and chota pegs and hill stations.

And Tibet—there's a country which interested me long before Mr. Ronald Colman took it under his beneficent wing in "Lost Horizon."

Tibet and the flowered-filled valleys of the Himalayan foothills and the wide beaches of the Moluccas and the forests of the Amazon—these offer us escape.

But that would not be my purpose. I should travel for discovery. I might even find myself. To that end I should not seek the last strongholds of romance or the quiet places of the earth.

A real country would be my quest. A country where people have not yet been driven to artificiality. A friendly and healthy country. And New Zealand rings true on every count.

DRASTIC 24-HOUR ULTIMATUM TO FINLAND BY SOVIET UNION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, MARCH 8 (UP).—THE STOCKHOLM CORRESPONDENT OF THE PARIS "SOIR" REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS DELIVERED AN ULTIMATUM TO HELSINGFORS.

The ultimatum demands:

1.—Cession to Russia of the entire Karelian Isthmus area, which would include the Mannerheim Line of fortifications;

2.—Cession of all territory east of the western shores of Lake Ladoga;

3.—Cession of northern Lapland.

The ultimatum expires at midnight on Friday.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Confirmation of this report comes from the Finnish Government itself.

An official statement has been issued in Helsingfors. It says:

"According to information in possession of the Finnish Government, the Soviet Government is believed to have planned to present demands on Finland more far-reaching in character than those presented last autumn.

"Details of the demands are so far lacking."

It is presumed that the new Russian demands would be in addition to those made last November.

DESTRUCTION OF DEFENCES

The Paris "Soir" states that the demands, if conceded, will end in the destruction of Finland's eastern defences.

The Russian claims include cession of Viborg, Finland's second city, and the entire Lake Ladoga area and its countless islands. The Mannerheim Line stretches from Viborg in the south to the western shores of Lake Ladoga and this entire area would be lost.

In the far north, the Russians are demanding the entire Arctic coastal area.

DANGER TO NORWAY

The effect of this would be that, in addition to Finland's loss of the Petsamo region and her only port in the Arctic, Russia would, for the first time since it became sovietized, have a common frontier with Norway.

In addition the claims for territorial cession on the mainland, Russia has reiterated its demand for the Hangoe group of islands and Hangoe peninsula.

The Hangoe group is at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland. Russia has already forced Estonia, on the other side of the Gulf, to cede strategical positions, so that cession of Hangoe will permit her to bottle the Gulf of Finland from either side at will.

The "Soir," which quotes a reliable Finnish source, states that M. Vaino Tanner, the Finnish Foreign Minister, returned to Helsingfors from Stockholm on February 29, accompanied by an envoy from King Gustav.

This envoy is stated to have personally transmitted the Russian ultimatum to a plenary session of the Finnish Cabinet.

The Paris "Soir" correspondent states that the Finnish Cabinet split on the subsequent discussions.

Nazis Mediating

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 7 (UP).—The "Ekstra Bladet" reports that Germany is playing the biggest role as mediator in the Russo-Finnish War.

Sweden feels that she is unable to mediate alone, the newspaper declares.

It declares that the recent trip to Berlin of Sven Hedin, Sweden's famous explorer, was for the purpose of insisting to his friends, Hitler and Ribbentrop, that it was vitally necessary for Germany to effect a prompt settlement of the Finnish War.

Hedin is believed to have warned Hitler that the Scandinavian countries would become involved in the European War if the Allies intervened in Finland.

The report states that Hitler promptly initiated negotiations. These are still in their early stage and are not yet assured of success, the report adds.

London Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—Diplomatic quarters state that they have heard that Russia has served new demands on Finland, including the dismissal of Baron Mannerheim and General Wallenius as well as many other military and political leaders.

The demands are believed to be so far-reaching that they will be unacceptable to the Finns, in view of the fact that the previous demand for the cession of the Hangoe Peninsula wrecked the autumn talks.

It is also believed here that Berlin is encouraging Stockholm to do its utmost to mediate in the Finnish conflict.

The Russian terms as reported here are the same as those outlined in the Paris "Soir."

The peace offer confronts the British with the necessity of reviewing the possibility of much more active intervention.

Negotiations In Progress

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Though official confirmation is lacking, reports from a usually reliable source insist that negotiations are progressing for an armistice between Finnish, Swedish, German and Russian delegates.

The preliminary talks for an armistice are believed to have been going on for some days, although the Swedish Foreign Office, which is reported to be acting as the chief mediator, will neither confirm nor deny the reports.

Germany's Part

Germany's part in the negotiations is apparently being played by the Nazi Press Chief, Dr. Dietrich, who flew here for a secret one-day visit.

According to one version, the present negotiations are being conducted on the basis of the Russian demands for the cession of the Karelian Isthmus, Lake Ladoga and the territory to the north, a section of Lapland, including Petsamo, and the port of Hangoe.

Passikivi In Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—It is confirmed that M. Passikivi, who led the Finnish Mission to Moscow in an effort to avert war, has now arrived here.

Rumours that he was in Stockholm to take part in peace negotiations are confirmed.

Official Announcement

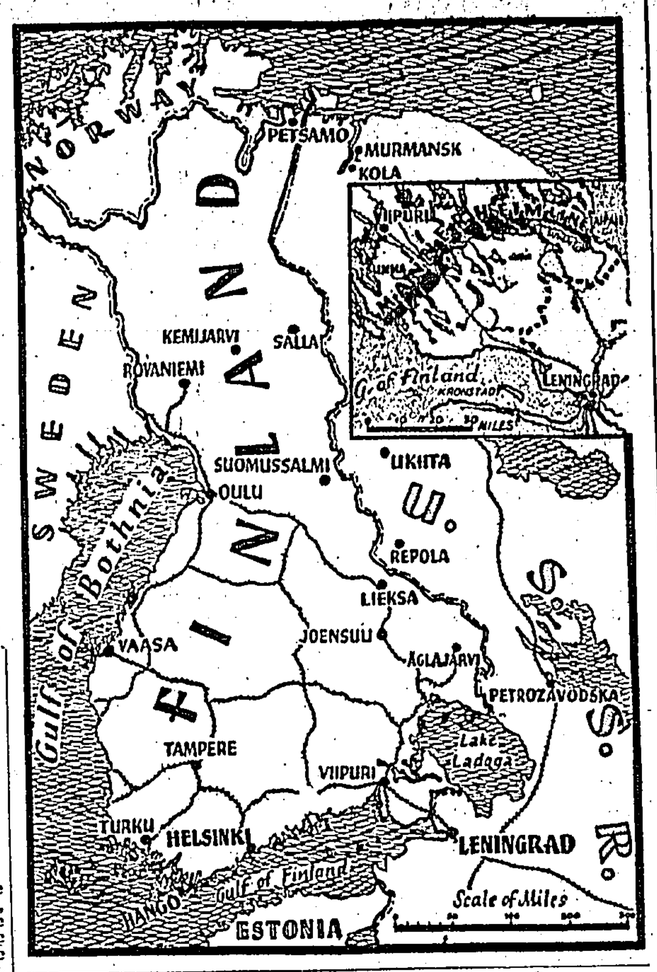
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The radio here has issued an official announcement that the Soviets have presented Finland with new and more far-reaching demands.

Further details were promised to be given later.

Three-Power Mediation

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Rome radio, which reports considerable diplomatic activity in Stockholm and Helsingfors, it is believed that Russia, Sweden and Germany are working in a plan for mediation in the Finnish war.

The delegates of the three countries are expected to be joined by Baron Carl Mannerheim and General Blucher, the commanders of the Finnish and Russian armies respectively, it was added.



Submarine Highway

Japanese Tunnel To Open This Year

Tokyo, Mar. 7.

Initiating a revolution in the transport system throughout Japan, the submarine tunnel linking the western tip of Honshu and the northern end of Kyushu will be opened to railway traffic this year.

Construction work on the tunnel boring through the sea bottom was started on September 1, 1936. Completed after over four years of hazardous engineering work, the tunnel will not only greatly improve the railway system in Japan but also have far-reaching effects on the communications between Japan, Manchukuo and China.

Mr. Nishio, chief of the Passenger Service Department of the Ministry of Railways, is leaving Tokyo on March 11 to make arrangements with Manchukuo and Chinese authorities regarding the proposed revision of transport plans between Japan, Manchuria, North and Central China in consequence of the opening of the submarine passage.—*Domei.*

Masonic Service At Union Church

THE Right Worshipful District Grand Master and the Office Bearers of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China will attend Divince Service at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, on Sunday next at 6 p.m.

The District Grand Master has requested the support of members of the Lodges in the Hongkong and South China District by their attendance.

Cordial invitations are issued to Members of other Scottish Lodges and Members of other Constitutions to attend the Service.

Masonic Regalia will be worn, and Brethren will robe in the hall adjacent to the Church at 5.45 p.m.

Famous New York Editor Dies

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (UP).—Dr. John Finley, 76, Editor Emeritus of the "New York Times", died here to-day.

Efforts For Peace

London, Mar. 7.

The growing Japanese desire for ending the China incident cannot wholly be dissociated from the recent moves in Tokyo, aimed at improving relations between Japan and the Allies, says the *News Chronicle* in an editorial to-day.

The people of Britain would be glad to see the China war ended and with it China's sufferings. What they are not prepared to do is to stage a Far Eastern "Munich" to condone Japan's aggression and sell China in return for Japan's friendship. While the effect of any retreat will be bad enough to Britain it will be even worse to America. Nothing will do more harm to Anglo-American relations than acceptance of Japan's claims and the betrayal of the Chinese people.

There is something to be said for Britain and France in offering timely mediation between Tokyo and Chungking in an effort to bring about a settlement in the China war, but only if Japan is ready to repair some of the grievous wrong she has done to China by making peace on terms which will satisfy Chiang Kai-shek. —Reuter.

RUMANIA TO STAY NEUTRAL

FROM PAGE ONE

gives us the impression of a deep and sincere relationship."

Referring to King Carol's brief review of Rumania's foreign relations, some foreign diplomats here expressed the opinion at the Crown Council at the Royal Palace last night that the Foreign Minister has received full Royal approval for his policy.

Affirms Neutrality

BUCHAREST, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—King Carol in the new session of Parliament re-affirmed Rumania's intention to follow a policy of neutrality "in her own interests and those of peace."

King Carol added that the rules of neutrality had been and would be followed also in the sphere of Rumania's exports trade.

Rumania's military preparations and strengthening morale in order to guarantee the defence of national patrimony remained the pre-occupation of the entire nation, the King said.

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Cotton Industry Bill has passed both Houses.

Secret Air Estimates Introduced

MASTERY OF SKY BRITAIN'S AIM

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Kingsley Wood, speaking on the Air Estimates, said that for reasons of security the amount of the Estimates would not be disclosed.

Sir Kingsley added: "I can state that our Air Estimates this year are of an unprecedented character and involve by far the greatest efforts and expenditure ever made by this country in any year in relation to our air defences.

"I should like to say that these Estimates represent only part of a further action we are taking and propose to take in conjunction with our Empire overseas and with our Allies.

"Our expenditure and efforts cannot be limited to this year, but they must be continued and intensified until we have achieved our fixed resolve—the establishment of our mastery in the air."

R.A.F. Doing Great Work

Sir Kingsley mentioned that aircraft bomber commands and the British air forces in France had carried out night and day over 1,000 sorties well into German territory.

A fighter in France, a great many of whom are being used in action over the Siegfried Line, had taken off on more than 2,000 times for patrol, pursuit and combat, he said. Our fighters had amply proved their worth.

Already, he said, without a single loss on our side they had brought down some 40 German aircraft round our coasts and we knew that many more enemy planes had been forced down in neutral territory or in the sea.

As an illustration of the R.A.F. progress, Sir Kingsley said that when introducing last year's Estimates he had stated that the total strength of the R.A.F. was approaching 100,000. To-day the strength of one R.A.F. command alone had nearly reached that figure.

Units of the Coastal Command had flown more than 5,000,000 miles since the outbreak of the war. They had sighted submarines on more than 100 occasions and delivered more than 60 attacks. More than 700 convoys had been successfully escorted by aircraft, he said.

Intimate Co-operation

Referring to our co-operation with France, Sir Kingsley said that this was of a most intimate character.

There was a comprehensive scheme of pooling information and the production of problems were studied together, secret equipment was exchanged and new developments shared.

Speaking of flying training organisation overseas, Sir Kingsley said that when in full operation the schools in Canada, Australia and New Zealand would produce 25,000 pilots and 30,000 air crews every year.

Additionally, the South African Government had most helpfully offered to train pilots for the R.A.F. and there would also be air schools in Rhodesia and Kenya.

New Production Plant

Dealing with production, Sir Kingsley said that every month a new plant was coming into operation. Many more factories were coming into production and still more were being built.

Future production, he said, had been planned on a scale which should enable us to attain our objective with something in hand.

Plans for production in the Dominions were beginning to bear fruit and the first aircraft made in Canada had already been flown.

Large additional orders had been placed in America and Canada.

Referring to civil aviation, the Air Minister declared that in conjunction with Australia and New Zealand it had been decided to link up New Zealand with Empire air routes and to start a weekly service across the Tasman Sea in April.

He said he hoped that difficulties preventing a regular service to Lisbon would shortly be overcome.

To safeguard the position of civil aviation after the war a strong civil aviation advisory committee was to be set up.

100% Increase In Strength

Giving an outline of the greatly increased R.A.F. output, Sir Kingsley said it could safely be estimated that the fighting strength of the R.A.F. had increased at least by 100 per cent. during the last 12 months.

In addition, he said, we had been able to give substantial help to friends overseas.

He confidently believed that even on a numerical basis the output of aircraft accruing to Britain and France was to-day in excess of that of Germany.

Sir Kingsley concluded:—"If and when serious attacks are made on this country, considerable damage will be caused but we need not doubt that our people will endure it with the same high courage as other peoples recently have shown.

"Moreover we can be sure that the powerful and efficient air defence organisation which we have built up will take a heavy toll of the enemy and that our bomber force will be both ready and able to hit hard, hit often and to keep on hitting." (Cheers).

Moral Effect On Germans

In closing the debate on Air Estimates in the House of Commons, Sir Kingsley Wood said they had evidence that recent flights over Germany had not been without effect on the morale of Germany.

There was considerable evidence that the leaflets dropped from planes had been read by a very large number of people who were apparently glad to read them, notwithstanding the severe penalties with which they were threatened.

Replying to criticism concerning coastal attacks, Sir Kingsley said that obviously no air defence system could be an impenetrable barrier. If that was a fact regarding general operations it was still more difficult during the night to intercept every hit and run raid in ones and twos on a 700 mile coast-line.

Conditions were worse in winter, he said, and it was to the credit of the air force that they had brought down so many enemy aircraft and driven off many more.

Increasing Efficiency

"Our fighter defence is increasing in efficiency daily. Our airforce and navy are tackling the problem jointly and I believe with much success," he said.

Sir Kingsley gave unqualified assurance that all plans were ready in the event of it being decided that British bomber forces should engage in major operations.

The air force would be only too willing to undertake any commission with which they were entrusted.

There was no holding back as far as they were concerned.

Replying to a question raised about long-range fighters, Sir Kingsley said that there were a number of new and more powerful types of aircraft now in production.

"Certainly I had regard to that," said Sir Kingsley replying to a question whether his earlier comparison between the Allies and Germany had regard to the type and quality of machines.

Estimates Passed

Sir Kingsley was very disappointed that the war had dealt such a great blow to the carefully prepared pre-war plan regarding civil aviation.

"Anxious as I am as regards the position at the end of the war, I feel we should put every ounce we can into our military effort," he said.

The Air Force votes were agreed without further discussion.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market has become listless having drifted into backwater. Consequently prices remain on the easy side.

	Buyers	Sales
Union Ins.	$480	
H.K. Steamboats	$10½	
H.K. Electrics	$67.00	
Dairy Farms (Old)	$22¾	
Watsons	$ 9½	

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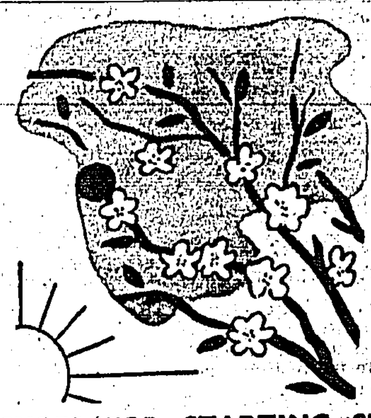

THE SHOES FOR STARTING SPRING SEASON ALREADY ON STOCK IN ALL OUR BRANCHES

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

PROSPECTS FOR FIRST EXTRA MEET

Events for Non-Winners At Spring Meet: Easy Day for Punters

ALTHOUGH it is officially called the First Extra (saddling bell at the usual 1.30 p.m.), the prelude to a series of six race meetings before the recess is in reality a continuation of the Annual Carnival, for all the events without exception are confined to Australian and China ponies that started at the Spring meeting and did not win.

There are the usual nine events on the card with the inclusion of only four handicap contests and it looks that punters will not have a bad day.

The curtain raiser will be the Hay and Corn Stakes for China ponies, subscription griffins of any season. The scramble over a short distance from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards) is to be ridden by the "red letters" jockeys, who have to carry a penalty of 2 lbs. for each race won in addition to the weights so designated in the programme.

One would hardly expect to find such stalwarts as Celtic Star, Portrush, Rose Evelyn and Salvage Master among the list of nominations.

Rose Evelyn is not a lady for a novice to handle, because the mare does not like the tape, and it is learned that the mount has been entrusted to Mr. G. Treverton. However, with a little luck Rose Evelyn should break the wish-bone and register the first win of the season for Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

Portrush has changed ownership (the new owner being Dr. Lee Shiu-kee), but the record of the fastest times over half mile performed by the pony will remain under the name of the late owner, Mrs. J. H. Taggart, until a new track figure has been established. This chestnut gelding is dangerous, and so is Celtic Star.

LOITERERS STAKES

Twenty-Three Entries For The Sprint

THE Loiterers Stakes for China ponies, bona fide griffins of the season, has attracted no less than 23 entries and the sprint is over six furlongs.

On their recent outings Dupont Bay, Johnber, Possible and White Diamond should be in the limelight, and I figure that Possible will catch the judges' eyes first. A red pencil can be drawn against Xenophon as the big noise maker pulled up lame after a gallop last Saturday.

RANDWICK PLATE

One Mile Event For The Australians

THE Randwick Plate (first section) for Australian subscription ponies of this season should be quite interesting, and the run is over a mile.

My best three are Ascot Day, Princess Claro and Vanity Fair, the last being my fancy, and the mare will be piloted by Mr. Ip Kui-ying, who was the jockey for a second place in the Blue Mountains Plate.

For a long shot I certainly recommend Franklin. Venus Bay is still green at the game, but it is worth remembering that the sire was Double Court.

HONGKONG H'CAP

(First Section)

THERE are 11 China ponies in the first section of the Hongkong Handicap, five being Derby griffins and the balance from the old brigade. All the youngsters of this season have been entered for the second event, and I have good reason to believe that they will not accept the allotment of the lead given by the handicapper.

However, I see that Dupont Bay and Galaxy are on the same level, and should the former weigh out, we are bound to witness a fine tussle over the champion course. For a beating of half length, Galaxy has been asked to concede 5 lbs. to Red Feather, and it looks a tough proposition.

Rob Roy and Humdrum Eve are nicely weighted, but the distance, I am afraid, is beyond their endurance. I like Red Feather.

DAILY DOUBLE

Moonie Ponds Handicap (First Section)

THE first leg of the daily double is on the Moonie Ponds Handicap (first section) for Australian ponies of any season, and the jaunt is over the mile.

Looking over the entries, Criffel strikes me as the best pick of the bunch, and, furthermore, the mare from John Peel's stable is well keyed for the event. I much prefer to see her over six furlongs, but nevertheless Criffel has a pull of 9 lbs. against Tornado Star, who heads the handicap, and we have to consider the adjustment of the poundage.

Cockerel is another contender which must not be despised. Devonian let the public down very badly in the Adelaide Handicap, but the bay has been kindly treated for to-morrow's run. Should he be able to reproduce his form when he was third in the Melbourne Cup, Devonian should register his first win for Lady Northcote.

HONGKONG H'CAP

(Second Section)

IT was true that the judges could not separate Expansion Time (Mr. P. Wei) and Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao) for a second place in Ichang Handicap run at the Annual Carnival, and it is learned that both racers with the same two jockeys will weigh out to-morrow for the Hongkong Handicap (second section) over 1¼ miles.

Over a longer distance Expansion Time should turn the tables on Potentate, with Blue Diamond following behind. Jober is not bad for big money, but Gladiator, Just In Time, Rose Jane and Taxing Master are trying to win out of their distance.

RANDWICK PLATE

(Second Section)

ALBURY belonging to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen should not have any difficulty in crossing the bar first in the Randwick Plate (second section) for Australian ponies of this season, and, incidentally, this event is the second leg of the daily double.

Sea Jay and Spring Shine are my next two to fill the minor positions. Warrego River finished fourth be-

PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

VANISHING RACE PONIES?

Rose Elect and Desert Chief, two of the most prominent China ponies at Happy Valley last year. They are here being led in by Mrs. Eu Tong-sen after the Champions race at the 1939 annual meeting.

Gonsalves & Remedios Enter Second Round Of Open Doubles

(By "Tinker")

THERE WAS MUCH to interest spectators at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday when further matches in the Colony Open tennis championships were played. Four singles and one doubles, the scheduled programme, were decided. The most interesting was the doubles encounter, wherein A. V. Remedios and J. J. Gonsalves eliminated Ng Kam-chuen and Tsoi Ping-fan by 8-10, 6-4, 6-1.

The singles results were:

Tsui Wai-pui beat I. Agafuroff, 6-2, 6-4.

H. D. Rumjahn beat Firdos Khan, 6-1, 6-1.

S. A. Rumjahn beat B. C. Fay, 6-1, 6-4.

Tennie Kwok beat I. M. A. Razack, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5.

CLUB SINGLES

R. G. Beisel, jr., beat J. L. C. Pearce, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

C. H. R. Hyde beat J. T. Gould 5-7, 6-1, 10-8.

S. M. Garrard beat T. A. Pearce, 6-8, 6-4, 6-4.

It was in the doubles match that the necessity of linesmen in these faster games was emphasised. There could be no blame attached to the umpire, for the light was none too good, and all four players were hard hitters. I particularly followed the effect of a wrong decision in the fifth game of the first set, when Remedios and Gonsalves were leading 3-2 and 15-40 on their opponents' service. A ball dropped just outside the Recreio pair's baseline and raised a puff of dust. Mistakenly, the umpire thought it had been a line ball, and gave the point to the Chinese. They went on to win the game, making the score 3-3 instead of it being 4-2.

The Chinese won the seventh game, making the score 4-3 in their favour, instead of it being the other way round. The eighth and ninth games were won by Remedios and Gonsalves, giving them the lead at 5-4. Had they won the sixth game, the ninth game would have given them the first set at 6-3.

LONG STRUGGLE

AS it was the first set developed into a gruelling struggle which only ended after 18 games had been played, and ended against the Portuguese pair.

Ng and Tsoi were seen at their best in the opening set, and though many of their points were given them by their opponents through sheer carelessness, there was nothing among the other three that could equal Ng's forehand drive. It was, however, his only real stroke, and even that failed towards the end.

Remedios was the steadiest throughout. Over-anxiousness to place the ball carefully when at the net cost the Portuguese quite a number of points. Not having their whole attention on the ball, they hit too early and sent the ball into the net.

Gonsalves, though rather weak over-head, recovered the swing of his service in the second and third sets, and with the exercise of extra care with his ground shots was a most helpful partner.

After winning the first set, the Chinese pair never had the lead again. There was always a one-game difference between the score in the second set, while in the third they were definitely out-played.

FAY IN ACTION

B. C. FAY in action was quite a delight. He has a free and easy style, if not very accurate, and is possessed of a really powerful service. Sirdar Rumjahn's steadiness and retrieving power stood him in good stead when Fay's first cannonball service went over the net.

In the second set, when Fay applied a little more caution, the rallies were fairly long and interesting. But they invariably ended, not with winners, but with mistakes.

Tsui Wai-pui, the champion, though he conceded six games in the two sets against I. Agafuroff, was never seriously extended.

Are China Ponies To Disappear Altogether?

THE DECISION of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club to section all the Australian ponies into four classes instead of three after the First Extra Race Meeting, which will be staged to-morrow, has not taken us by surprise, because we fully expected the move so as to have a leg for 1941 meetings.

Quite recently a preliminary notice was circulated to members to the following effect that in view of the uncertainty of obtaining China pony subscription griffins, and the difficulty of acquiring China pony griffins *at reasonable prices*, the Stewards signified their intention of importing fifty Australian ponies *of a superior class* to the present subscription class.

This new class will be in addition to the Australian subscription griffins, which will be increased to a list of one hundred ponies. The cost of the new class will be approximately $1,450, and members will have to buy the ponies at an auction to be held under the auspices of the Race Club. Further details and regulations relating to this new class et cetera will be announced later.

SAFE ASSUMPTION

In the light of above one can safely assume that the so-called "China ponies" will, in a couple of years or more, go off the stage, and Happy Valley will be the living land of our "dumb friends" from the Antipodes.

However, it will be seen that apart from the fifty cobs comprising the new class, the list of Australian subscription griffins is limited to one hundred gee-gees against this season's bunch of 61 ponies, and, therefore, it stands to reason for one to predict that seventy-five per cent. of the programme for next year's Annual Carnival will be confined to Australian ponies. It will not surprise me in the least to see the Hongkong Derby be confined to the new class of Australian ponies and furthermore it will not be long to have an "E" class.

It will be recalled that for two years (1938 and 1939) in succession the late delivery of China ponies sub-class caused much anxiety not only to the Stewards but the owners as well, and the 1940 meet saw the elimination of that familiar racing phrase, "For China ponies, subscription griffins of this Club of this meeting."

DEALERS' EXCUSE

The exclusion of these subevents was forced upon the Club on account of the non-delivery of the steeds subscribed by members, and the Russian dealer's excuse was that he could not obtain an export permit from the Japanese Government owing to political hostilities up north. Apparently he must have used to his advantage the "Force Majeure" clause, but other sly Russian merchants were able to smuggle out quite a lot of China ponies, and the Hongkong Jockey Club informed its members that 62 Derby griffins entered for the annual big meeting.

I am not out to start a controversy, but there is a wide gulf of moral rectitude between the dealers of Australian and China ponies. The Commonwealth suppliers lived up to their contract, and all the shipments arrived here on time as stipulated by the Club, which naturally gave the trainers many months to prepare the ponies for the Spring meeting and the subsequent Saturday's afternoon sports.

Apart from the exorbitant prices for China ponies, the Russian dealers never think twice before affixing their signatures to any guarantee, with the result that many owners have been caught with "scrap of paper" promises, and some are now in fool's paradise waiting for replaced Derby griffins. It will serve no purpose to enumerate a list of the "unfortunate" owners, but under this category a few Stewards are included. We leave the matter here.

WINDSOR LAD GOES TO STUD

WINDSOR LAD, winner of the Derby in 1934, is now owned by the Sun Insurance Company and a group of Lloyd's underwriters.

After his Derby victory the horse was bought by Mr. M. H. Benson for £50,000 from the Maharaja of Rajpipla.

The present change of ownership has resulted from an arbitration following an operation performed on the horse by Prof. O'Connor, the Dublin veterinary surgeon.

INSURED FOR £45,000

Windsor Lad was withdrawn from stud last year suffering from an infection of the frontal sinus. Mr. Benson wanted to have the horse destroyed, but as he was insured for £45,000, the insurance company sought their own veterinary opinion. The operation followed.

Mr. Benson, however, did not consider that the horse could resume stud duties. After arbitration, he agreed to accept a sum, stated to be £27,000, and another £14,000 to cover his expenses in Windsor Lad's illness.

The horse is to stand at Burntwood Stud, near Winchester, under the management of Capt. D. P. Nicoll. The stud fee will be made public shortly.

To-day's Matches

The following is the programme for to-day:

OPEN SINGLES

Lam Kwan v. J. W. Leonard
A. Crawford v. Ip Koon-hung
P. S. Leong v. S. A. Gray
Paul Kong v. J. S. Theobald
Wei Chung v. M. Pagh
W. C. Hung v. T. C. Chan

OPEN DOUBLES

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. S. A. Hussain and O. Rumjahn.

CLUB SINGLES

C. B. Nicholson v. G. W. Sewell

COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

P. H. WONG AND C. AU ENTER SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

Next Week's Schedule Amended

TWO MATCHES in the senior badminton singles championship of the Colony were played off at King's College last night, P. H. Wong and C. Au entering the semi-finals at the expense of C. K. Cheah and D. Kwok respectively. Only one of the two junior games at Taikoo was played.

The results were:

P. H. Wong beat C. K. Cheah 15-2, 15-0.

C. Au beat D. Kwok 15-7, 15-0.

JUNIOR SINGLES

W. Gillies beat F. Tsang 17-16, 15-5.

P. H. Wong was never fully extended by Cheah, who was nervous and erratic in the opening set, but who improved in the second.

Au had an easy win his first set against Kwok, but in the second, though leading 9-2, was forced to exert himself when his opponent drew level at 9-9.

Keen Shooting At Kowloon City Ranges

A LARGE CROWD of 124 enthusiasts were present at Wednesday's spoon and practice shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association at the Kowloon City Ranges. The weather was good, although the light deteriorated towards the end.

Mr. W. A. Tansley was again successful in the revolver shoot at 10 and 15 yards, securing 56 points out of a possible 60.

On Wednesday, March 13, firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards and will commence at 1.45 p.m.

Leading scores on Wednesday were as follows:

Aperture Sights

	H'cap.	300 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Tl.
Sgt. R. J. Heap Scr.	33	32	33		98n
F/Sgt. F. Tollison 1	30	34	32		96
Mr. W. Trenouth Scr.	31	34	31		96
Mr. A. F. Evans 1	32	33	31		96
A.S.P., (R) D. Lole Scr.	33	34	29		96
Mr. A. L. Warburton 3	30	34	31		95h
Lt. A. J. Le Seelleur Scr.	31	34	30		95
Mr. J. A. Guard Scr.	32	31	31		94
Mr. H. G. Foreman 2	33	30	31		94
C/Sgt. P. Hale Scr.	32	33	29		94
Sgt. (R) P. H. Thong Scr.	30	32	31		93
P.S., (R) K. C. Hoo 1	33	30	31		93
P. S. Chanchal singh 1	29	34	30		93
L/Sgt. W. Henderson 3	30	33	30		93h
L/Sgt. Puran Singh Scr.	32	32	29		93
2/Lt. V. W. Cooper Scr.	29	31	32		92
F/O. J. Farmer 6	28	30	33		91r
S.I., (R) C. C. Chau Scr.	29	31	31		91
Cpl. S. G. Brighty Scr.	30	30	31		91
H.S.M., F. Masien 2	26	29	33		90b
Capt. F. Sale 3	27	31	32		90
Sgt. E. C. Brenner 5	31	31	27		89
B/M. W. Kifford Scr.	31	31	27		89
Sgt. (R) K. C. Wong 3	28	31	29		88
Major S. White 2	31	31	26		88
S.I., (R) A. C. Chan 2	32	33	23		88
Mr. C. A. Hyett 7	24	28	28		80

Open Sights

Cpl. R. Langford Scr.	28	30	31	89n
Sgt. M. F. Rushman Scr.	32	29	29	87
L/Sgt. (R) O. T. Leong 6	32	30	25	87
Sgt. R. Green 6	29	28	29	86h
1/Cpl. T. Wood 5	26	30	27	83
Cpl. V. M. Hammond 1	29	31	21	81
C.S.M. J. C. E. Mead 3	30	28	24	80
Cpl. Naranjan Singh 8	31	28	20	79
Lt. C. E. Otway Nil	28	29	21	78
Mr. G. H. R. Fox 14	23	27	27	77h
Mr. C. A. Dunk 6	23	23	27	77
Cpl. G. S. Lochrie Nil	24	23	22	75
Lt. K. I. M. Buchanan Nil	26	25	23	74
Sgt. G. E. Breese 6	23	23	19	74
P. C. Narain Singh 6	20	23	27	73
P.S., (R) C. Yong 9	23	24	26	73
A.C. W. H. Golder 11	23	23	25	73h
Cpl. J. E. Hawkins 7	24	22	20	73
Mr. H. A. Evans 10	24	23	21	70

(n) winner of nett spoon. (h) winner of handicap spoon; (b) winner of possible button; winner of (n) or (h) will have his handicap reduced by one point.

Army And C.S.C.C. Cricket Teams

The following will represent Army in their Junior League cricket fixture with Civil Service Cricket Club, at Happy Valley, on Saturday.—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (Captain), Brigadier T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer, Lieut. A. W. F. Peal, Lieut. B. A. Fargus, S/Cndr. Gardner, Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Boocock, Pte. Emmerson, Pte. Hatfield, Gnr. Borsby.

CIVIL SERVICE TEAM

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI against the Army on Saturday.—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, E. W. Hamilton, P. D. Crawley, K. J. Attwell, V. C. Bond, T. L. Lockhart, G. P. Stone, H. F. Harper, A. F. Sheppard and J. F. MacGowan.

Next Week's Matches

THERE HAS BEEN a slight mix-up in the men's doubles matches. The fixtures contained in the following list are correct:

Tuesday, Mar. 12

OPEN DOUBLES

J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho v. H. Eardley and N. L. Smith (King's College, 8 p.m.).

C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin v. F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok (King's College, 8.45 p.m.).

K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung (Taikoo, 9 p.m.).

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lai v. F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Taikoo, 8.30 p.m.).

Thursday, Mar. 14

SENIOR SINGLES

K. L. Yong v. H. F. Chew (King's College, 8 p.m.).

H. Eardley v. P. S. Bun (King's College, 9 p.m.).

MIXED DOUBLES

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva v. T. T. Chin and Miss M. Ding (King's College, 8.30 p.m.).

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro v. P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung (Taikoo, 8.30 p.m.).

GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAM CHOSEN

Hongkong F.A. To Meet Chinese Federation

AT A MEETING of the League Management Committee yesterday the following team was selected to represent Hongkong Football Association against Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the final of the Governor's Cup at Caroline Hill on March 17 at 4 p.m.:—

Robinson (Navy); Blackburn (Police), O'Regan (Navy); Bright (Middlesex), Williamson (Kowloon), Wilkinson (Middlesex); Hossack (Royal Scots), Fox (R.E.), F. Fowler (Club), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Bickford (Club).

Reserves.—Sheehan (Middlesex), full-back; Forrow (Club) and Guy (R.A.), half-backs; B. Gosano (St. Joseph's), W. G. Pryde (Club) and Thomas (Middlesex), forwards.

Players Suspended

At an Emergency Committee meeting H. Millington and Ho Yau-kee, Club and Kitchee, respectively, who were given marching orders during their second division match on February 10, were suspended until December 31.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

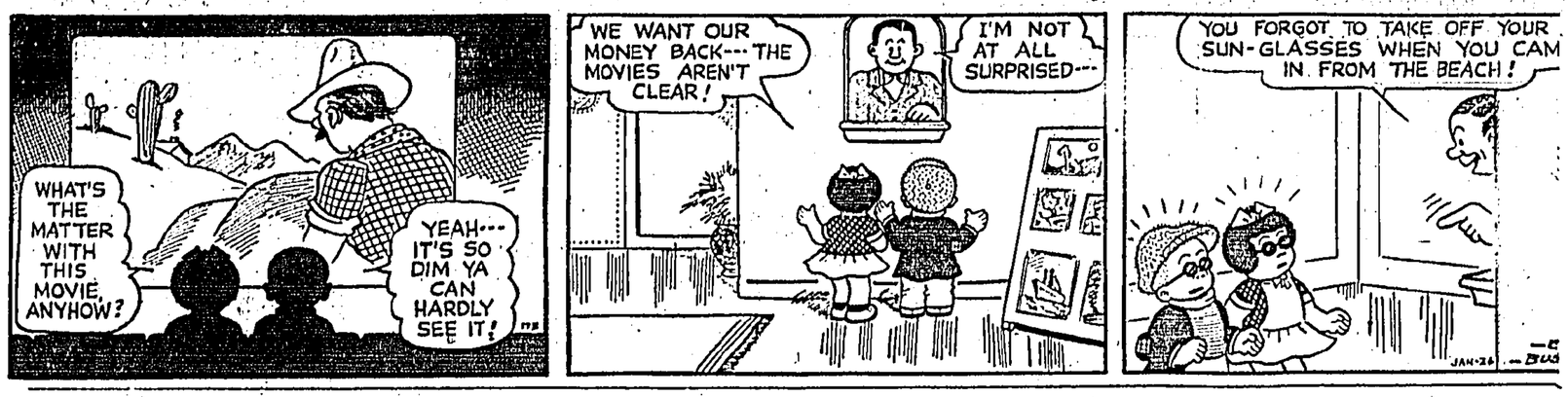
PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

NANCY By Ernie Bushmiller



KEEPING AN EYE ON FOOD SUPPLIES

Thanks to the vigilance of Britain's Navy, convoys of merchant ships are arriving with regularity in British ports. This view of a convoy in the Atlantic was taken from a cruiser accompanying the ships.

Sailors in "disguise" on the look-out for enemy ships or planes. A constant watch is essential, but it is a cold job at this time of year.

One of the men whose job it is to see food ships from all over the world reach our shores in safety.

The Men Who Volunteer for Finland

Workmen, Soldiers All Eager To Fight

VOLUNTEERS for Finland are rushing the recruiting office in Smith Square, Westminster.

Men of all classes and ages, workmen, professional men, ex-Army officers, clerks, men in reserved occupations, are there, all eager to fight for freedom.

Twenty-nine-year-old Edward Chalmers, of Glasgow, who has worked in the United States and Canada and is now employed in a London hotel, hopes to be off with the first draft. Until the outbreak of war he was serving in a merchant ship, but early last September he was paid off and had to seek a job ashore.

He Wanted To Be In It Quickly

"I want to be in this war one way or another," he said, "and this might be as good a way as any. I am 29, and it may be some time before I am called up in the ordinary way. I can't be bothered to wait for that.

"When I heard of the volunteer scheme from Finland I thought this might be the quickest way of getting into uniform, so I came down to see if they would have me.

"After all, one might as well fight in Finland as in France. It seems to me it's all for the same cause, anyhow.

"I met a great many Finns when I was in Canada. I have worked on lumber camps with them. They are nice people and very pleasant to work with. I think Finland is having a very raw deal and I hope this volunteer battalion can do something to help.

"I do not know how soon we shall be sent to Finland, but I hope to go with the first draft."

For Him It Began With A Holiday

Alexander Mackay, tall, 43-year-old Queensland farmer, who came over to England on holiday before the war, was another who signed up one afternoon. He served throughout the last war with the New Zealand Mounted Rifles, was wounded at Gallipoli.

Immediately on the outbreak of the present war he tried to enlist in the British Army in England. He was not accepted, so he thought he would join the Australian contingent when his fellow countrymen arrived in England. He finds now that he will have to return to Australia to enlist.

"All my friends back in Australia are in the Army now, and if I went back home it would only be to join up, but it seems to me a dreadful waste of time and money to travel over 12,000 miles to volunteer and then to have to come back to Europe again to fight. The fighting is here; I want to be in it, and this seems to me the simplest way to do it.

From The Tropics To Northern Snows

"The only thing that worries me about the campaign in Finland is the cold. I come from North Queensland, where the climate is tropical, and I am afraid I might not stand up very well to weather conditions similar to those I have seen in newspaper photographs lately.

"I thought the recent cold spell in London the absolute limit, but I am afraid it must have been colder than that in Finland. However, I have made up my mind to go, and the cold is not going to stop me."

An official of the Finnish Legation said that they have a great many volunteers to choose from, but that he could not say how many would be accepted for service in Finland.

Many volunteers are too old, others are of military age and, therefore cannot be accepted, and some are obviously not sufficiently robust to stand up to the severities of a campaign in the Far North.

"Women, too, have volunteered to serve as nurses and ambulance drivers," he said.

Could Speak 18 Tongues

PEOPLE who called on the 70-year-old hermit of Skirmett were rarely encouraged to stay and chat.

All the people in the neighbouring village of Hambledon, Bucks, knew the Hermit, Ernest George Terry, by sight, but very few of them knew that, if he had chosen to be chatty, he could have spoken to them in eighteen languages.

A short time ago he looked in at the window of a house not far from his hut and said that he felt ill.

His neighbours welcomed him to their fireside.

Died On Road

Malnutrition and exposure had taken too great an effect on him.

His condition was so serious that an ambulance was called.

He died in it.

In his pockets police found £50 in £1 notes.

In the hut were piles of share certificates and dividend warrants.

There was a library, too, of famous works and some editions that may prove to be valuable.

Many Secrets

It was nine years ago that he arrived at Skirmett. His hermitage was an Army hut which he erected on land purchased many years before by his father.

His range as a linguist and the fact that he was a man of means were only two of his secrets.

Here are some of the others:—

He had been a soldier of fortune.

Once he commanded a Chinese battalion in guerilla warfare. The Boer War found him in the Rhodesian Mounted Police.

Army Captain

He served as an interpreter of Chinese and Japanese in the Great War and held the rank of captain.

It is said that he once held an important post for the British Government in the Far East.

At Skirmett he spent nearly the whole of his time in the hut.

Sometimes he would take long walks. On the rare occasions when he came to London he would walk to Slough, 14 miles away, to catch a train.

A sister of his has been traced at Eastbourne. She has taken charge of his affairs.

Vitamin Injections Cure 'Flu

INJECTIONS of vitamins A and D are being used to treat influenza.

Dr. W. N. Leak, of Winsford, Cheshire, writes in the "British Medical Journal" that from experience he is convinced that an injection early in the disease will usually abort it.

Later injections are helpful, he says, but in no way specific.

At Work In Four Days

During the 1933 epidemic he saw a man prostrated with typical symptoms and a temperature of 103 degrees, who said even a mild attack put him off work for at least three weeks.

"I gave him an injection at once, and another next day, when he felt a lot better, though his temperature was 102." adds Dr. Leak.

"Four days later I found him, at 9 a.m., standing in the snow, selling his fish and taking no harm. Since then he always comes to my surgery on the slightest sign of influenza and asks for an injection. He has not lost a day's work since."

Gretna Green Smith Is Dead

MR. DAVID R. MACINTOSH, "priest" at Gretna Hall smithy, Gretna Green, who had performed more than 500 runaway weddings, is dead from pleurisy.

Mr. Macintosh, who was 53 years of age, started performing marriages over the anvil in 1938. When Mr. and Mrs. Macintosh bought the hall they revived the old romantic associations securing a number of genuine old relics and the old marriage register containing the names of many English noblemen as well as John Peel the famous huntsman.

Mr. Macintosh won the Court of Session fight last year between himself and his rival "priest," Mr. George Mackie, of the old, blacksmith shop in Gretna Museum who sought to stop Mr. David Macintosh and his wife from using the words "blacksmith's shop" as a description of their premises.

No Royal Courts During War

No Royal Courts will be held at Buckingham Palace this year.

In coming to this decision the King has followed the precedent set by his father, King George V., in the last war. No functions to take the place of the Courts were arranged between 1914-1918, and it is expected that in this, also, his Majesty will follow his father's lead.

Mothers of debutantes are not making plans for formal entertaining. There will be no official coming-out dances while the war lasts.

Many girls who would have been presented this summer will not even come to London. Most of them are doing war work at home.

Pacifism With Pastries

In wrapping up pastries for customers, Solomon Felstein inserted pacifist propaganda, until a customer complained.

Felstein, a 21-year-old baker, of Stepney Green, London, E., mentioned this as evidence of his pacifist ideals when he appeared before the South-Eastern Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal. He was registered as a conscientious objector on condition that he remains in his present work.

LEFT HER MAID £3,000

MRS. ALICE A. McCRINDLE, of Regent's Park-road, Southampton, who died worth £36,722, left £3,000 and all the contents of her bedroom to her maid, Annie Elvish.

"We were almost like sisters," Miss Elvish said: "I was in Mrs. McCrindle's employment for 37 years."

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

The following starting times have been arranged by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club for the week-end:

Saturday

OLD COURSE

2.04 A. V. Greaves, J. B. Mackie.
2.08 A. B. Purves, K. S. Morrison.
2.12 R. B. Mace, R. M. M. King.
2.16 R. Young, A. N. Other.
2.20 B. Sanger, J. W. Mayhow.
2.24 N. K. Littlejohn, A. McKellar.
2.28 Capt. Giles, Lt. Cdr. Melrose.
2.40 J. A. D. Morrison, D. H. Blake.

Sunday

OLD COURSE

9.16 A. C. I. Bowker, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.20 A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
9.24 T. E. Pearce, E. T. McMullen.
9.28 D. Humphreys, G. C. Worrall.
9.32 J. A. D. & K. S. Morrison.
9.36 M. G. Carruthers, H. C. Gardiner.
9.40 A. Sommerfelt, B. D. Evans.
9.44 W. W. C. Shewan, A. B. Purves.
9.48 G. Thomerson, J. Linaker.
9.52 J. L. C. Pearce, D. I. Bosanquet.
9.56 H. F. Sommers, D. D. Forbes.
10.00 A. N. & Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.04 D. Lyon, H. Piercy.
10.08 A. V. Greaves, G. V. Griffiths.
10.12 R. J. K. Walker, E. C. Norris.
10.16 J. M. Pearson, J. W. Mayhew.
10.20 A. Mabb, L. Goldman.
10.24 R. P. Morris, W. J. Richards.
10.28 C. C. Black, E. G. Price.
10.32 H. W. Dulley, E. Davidson.
10.36 L. R. Andrews, Comdr. Hole.
10.40 J. Redman, M. S. Banner.
10.44 J. B. Harrison, S. L. Lloyd.
10.48 J. D. Mackie, F. A. Redmond.
10.52 H. J. D. Lowe, H. A. Mills.
10.56 P. E. Annis, W. J. Kelly.
11.00 J. W. Clague, H. M. Howland.
11.04 Col. Simpson, W/Cdr. Steele Perkins.
11.08 Major Mackenzie, J. C. Taylor.
11.12 E. W. J. Wedlock, A. G. James.

NEW COURSE

9.24 Miss Cuthbertson, J. G. Jenson.
9.32 Lt. Carter, Capt. Thursby.
10.00 Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
10.04 Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Piercy.
10.12 Surg. Cdr. Cleave, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
10.20 T. A. Pearce, F. D. Hunter.
11.12 Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.

PROSPECTS FOR FIRST EXTRA

(Continued from Page 8.)

hind Albury in the Blue Mountains Plate, and with Mr. D. Black in the saddle the combination is worth $5 each way.

If Busylight does not act the goat in the back stretch, the chestnut mare by Black Adder may be trusted with a spare five dollar bill for a place. Personally, I do not like the name of the sire.

ALL OUT STAKES

Boolat Bay's Prospects Appear Rosy

BOOLAT Bay owned by Mr. S. W. Lee has been knocking at the door for a long while, and his prospects of coming home first in the penultimate event, the All Out Stakes, for "C" class China ponies are rosy.

It will be recalled that the pony was ridden by the owner to victory in the West River Handicap on June 10, but as Mr. Lee could not steer a straight course, Boolat Bay was disqualified for boring. The steed finished the season without scoring a win.

At the February meeting, Mr. Lee's candidate succumbed to Tampa Bay by a short head for the first prize in the Curragh Handicap and the same margin separated him and National Pride for the first position in the Soochow Handicap. What was the matter? As the All Out Stakes is an open event, Boolat Bay is in my estimation a dead certainty, and he should be followed by Rose-Queen and Laughing Girl.

MOONIE PONDS HANDICAP

(Second Section)

A ROARING Time has cost the public a good sum of money, but with due respect to that astute jockey Mr. Peter Wei, I would much prefer to see Mr. Needa in the saddle. He has a golden gift of patience with moody animals, and last year he had two wins on the stinker.

A Roaring Time is well in on the handicap for the last event, the Moonie Ponds Handicap (second section), and he should be one of the favourites. Happy Landings is looking well, but I have not seen Pumpernickel after the Ladies Purse. Rising Star is the one to follow up.

Marked Activity

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—To-day's communique reports marked activity of French and German patrols on the eastern flank of the Vosges.

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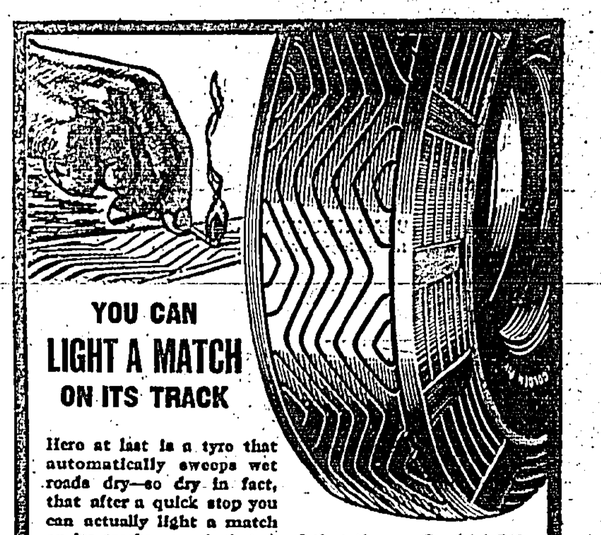

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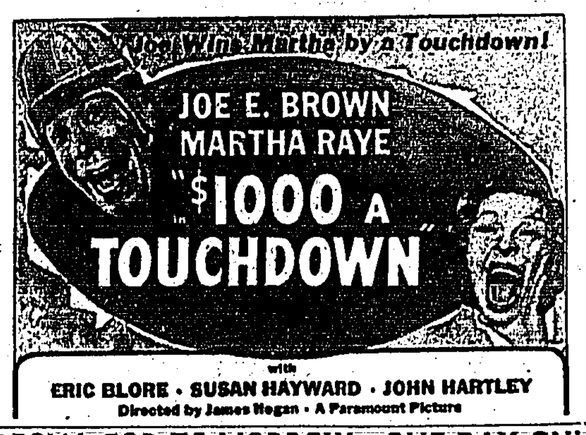

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FROM PAGE ONE

"They dived and zoomed around each other, and I felt sure one of them was going to hit the sea at any minute.

"They were having a hell of a scrap.

"Eventually, the Jerry got the wind up and found refuge in the clouds.

"When he disappeared, our chaps were still right on his tail, letting him have all they got.

"That was the end of that fight.

Two Chase Three

"A few minutes later another three Jerries appeared.

"They were being chased by two Spitfires, which were running rings around them.

"Our chaps, who were hanging on the Jerries despite the fact that they were outnumbered, were soon reinforced by another three Spitfires, making five against three.

"The whole eight planes—three Jerries and five Spitfires—disappeared out to sea at a terrific speed.

"We were still standing on the promenade excitedly discussing the fights when another three Spitfires roared overhead. They flew over the town and out to sea, apparently to reinforce our chaps who were attacking the Jerries."

Dog-Fight Five Miles Above The Earth

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—One of the most spectacular air battles of the war was fought out of sight of spectators on the earth below to-day, when Britain's 362 m.p.h. Spitfires engaged a Nazi plane in the substratosphere five miles above Scotland.

The Spitfires went up to engage the enemy—a Heinkel bomber—after it had been reported over Aberdeenshire.

The enemy flew at a great height in order to avoid 4.7 anti-aircraft guns which went into action immediately it was sighted.

The A.A. guns ceased firing as soon as the Spitfires appeared.

One of the Spitfires which was piloted by a Dominion air ace got in a burst of machine-gun fire which crippled the enemy.

It went into a tail spin from which the German pilot skilfully brought it out just before he reached the sea.

The Heinkel, out of action, landed on the sea.

The R.A.F. machines then circled around until the enemy plane sank below the surface.

Thrilling Incidents

This was only one of several thrilling incidents along the entire coast to-day as Nazi planes continued their operations against shipping.

The small coastal steamer Shrosedene (376 tons) was the target of no less than twelve bombs off the east coast. Not one hit was scored and, although the ship was subsequently machine-gunned, it made port without casualties.

R.A.F. Successes

Last night's reconnaissance flights by the R.A.F., it is revealed, was one of the most extensive series since the beginning of the war.

The planes flew a total of 10,000 miles covering Bremen, Hanover, Hamburg, Wilhemshaven and Cuxhaven.

Dog Fight Off East Coast

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—British figures engaged two German planes off the east coast of England this evening.

Onlookers saw a raider almost collide with a British fighter before climbing into the clouds where a dog fight followed.

A second raider then appeared with two British planes in close pursuit.

Three other British planes also arrived on the scene and the raiders were driven out to sea with the fighters chasing them.

It is learned that the plane shot down earlier to-day was a Heinkel and was shot down by Spitfires from a height of more than five miles above the sea east of Aberdeen.

The Spitfires—one pilot is a New Zealander—attacked in turns as the enemy dived.

The Heinkel, out of action, landed on the water The Spitfires circled about for five minutes until the enemy machine sank.

Attack On Shipping

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Six explosions were heard off the south-east about 8 p.m. followed by the rattle of machine-gun fire.

It was reported that a German plane dropped bombs near shipping.

There were no hits or casualties. The bombs fell in pairs and exploded on striking the water.

CUNARDER'S DRAMATIC VOYAGE

FROM PAGE ONE

plete surprise not only to Germany but to thousands of people on both sides of the Atlantic.

She was first sighted yesterday by plane outside American territorial waters. The plane refused to disclose her exact position.

She was making her way through smooth seas, the thick smoke belching from her two funnels up into a cloud dotted sky.

Her decks looked bare and lifeless. She carried no identification marks but the Red Ensign was broken from her stern as the plane circled overhead.

She is painted grey all over.

"Audacious" Voyage

The Queen Elizabeth carried no passengers but she had a number of technical experts on board as, in addition to this being her maiden voyage, the journey was also in the nature of a trial trip.

The fact that she managed to cross the Atlantic before anyone even knew that she had left the Clyde has made a great impression in Canada and the United States.

Canadian newspapers use the term "audacious" and the way in which the secret of her crossing was kept has aroused wonder and admiration.

New York papers printed large pictures of the Queen Elizabeth and of the Queen Mary and Normandie, alongside which she is to berth.

The popular "New York Journal" prints a banner headline reading "Huge British liner foils submarines in secret trip."

One of the most remarkable features about the Queen Elizabeth is that she was completed despite the war. It was announced sometime ago that she would be ready on February 26 and it was on this day she sailed.

Bare And Lifeless

The Queen Elizabeth reached the quarantine station in New York at 3.09 p.m. G.M.T.

When she was seen approaching the island she was unescorted and the decks looked bare and lifeless. The Queen Elizabeth carried no identification mark, but after an airliner circled over her twice, the Red Ensign was broken out from the stern.

Business-like grey paint and the absence of passengers lining the rails made the giant vessel's arrival a strange contrast to the arrival of the Queen Mary.

"Great Dirty Grey Whale"

Airmen who sighted her described her as looking like "a great dirty grey whale."

Five hundred police and detectives have been drafted to the pier prepared for her arrival. Crowds of New Yorkers streamed to the waterside to welcome her.

It is authoritatively stated that the Queen Elizabeth sailed across the Atlantic to make room for other ships in England as every berth is needed for the ceaseless stream of shipping entering British ports.

Why Liner Was Moved

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The reasons for moving the Queen Elizabeth were explained in a statement issued by the Cunard White Star Company.

The statement says only twice a year, when the tides are unusually high, is there sufficient depth of water to navigate a ship of her size to the open sea.

Such a tide occurred in the latter part of February, and the Queen Elizabeth sailed at that time.

In view of the circumstances, it was decided that she should proceed to America. This she did under the command of Captain J. C. Townley after an uneventful voyage at moderate speed.

The internal accommodation of the Queen Elizabeth is not completed.

No plans are made for the vessel except to tie her up at a pier along with the arrangements for all other ships of the Company stopping at an American port.

Typical N.Y. Welcome

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Queen Elizabeth passed the battery place at the entrance of the Hudson River at 8.41 p.m. G.M.T.

As the liner appeared, like a ghost ship, sirens from a myriad of small craft shrieked a welcome and downtown in New York, skyscrapers launched a shower of ticker-tape and torn papers.

The liner's own deep-toned sirens boomed an acknowledgment of the welcome.

Several planes soared above the liner, while harbour craft of all sorts circled around, admiring her lines.

After a ceremonial reception by the President of the New York City Council, Captain Townley of the Queen Elizabeth, told reporters that no submarines had been seen on the voyage and the convoy was dropped after one day out.

More Flights Over Germany

London, Mar. 7.

The Air Ministry announces that on Tuesday and Wednesday nights British aircraft carried out extensive reconnaissance flights over north-west Germany, including the naval base of Wilhelmshaven.—*United Press.*

Extensive Flights

London, Mar. 7.

It is learned that the R.A.F. flights were one of the most extensive series of observation flights during the war, covering in the aggregate over 10,000 miles. All the British aircraft returned safely despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and searchlights encountered by some formations.

The heavy barrage of anti-aircraft gunfire over Bremen and bursts of orange coloured flame marked the course of one machine as it flew high over the city. Near Cuxhaven a battery of between 20 and 30 searchlights came into operation but the pilots were able to evade them. Beams of bluish light probed the sky and on two occasions the raiders were held in converging beams for nearly half a minute.

The crew of a plane attacked by guns over Bremen saw two planes flying with navigation lights at a height of 10,000 feet over Heligoland Bight but German planes did not attack them.

Besides the towns already mentioned, the flights covered Hanover and Hamburg.—*Reuter.*

BOMBAY, Mar. 7 (UP).—The remainder of the textile workers have walked out on strike. Railway workers are threatening to join them.

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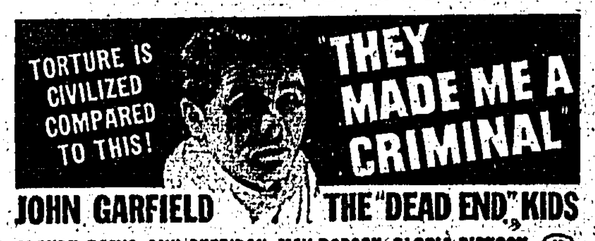

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 7.—Pilots from the Dominions helped to shoot down a German Heinkel bomber into the sea off the south-east coast of Scotland to-day.

Their exploit set the seal on yesterday as a day of triumph for Britain's airmen.

Subsequently, the Air Ministry announced that:

1.—The R.A.F. carried out the greatest survey flight of the war last night, visiting in turn Bremen, Hanover, Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven.

2.—The British machines covered well over 10,000 miles, some of them in Arctic weather, but all returned safely.

3.—Spitfires, in addition to bringing down the Heinkel off Scotland, repulsed Nazi raiders off the east coast of England in a thrilling duel which is exclusively described by eye-witnesses.

The men who flew over Germany were in the air almost all night. When the R.A.F. pilots returned, their machines untouched by anti-aircraft fire or the bullets of fighter planes, they reported flights that were almost boring because of their lack of excitement.

Bremen "Reception"

Only the planes that visited Bremen appear to have met with a warm reception.

The pilots who raided Cuxhaven reported that they evaded something like fifty German searchlights which swept the skies searching for tehm. Anti-aircraft guns went into action at Bremen, where the R.A.F. men were greated with bursts of "flaming onions"—linked shrapnel which, if it fails to cripple the plane when it bursts, may become enmeshed in its propellers and so bring it down.

Two German fighters took off shortly after the British machines turned back from Bremen, and were sighted over Heligoland Bight. But they made no attempt to attack the British squadron.

Ice On Wings

Most of the British planes encountered good weather. But one squadron ran into Arctic conditions, in which a temperature of 30 degrees below Centigrade was recorded. Ice formed on the wings of the machines.

All the British planes returned safely to their bases.

Violent Dog-Fights

Residents at east coast towns witnessed violent dog-fights between British and German planes shortly after Sir Kingsley Wood had made his dramatic speech in the House of Commons, in which he paid tribute to the fine record of the R.A.F.

One raider almost collided with a British pursuit plane before it zoomed into the clouds and disappeared, with the R.A.F. machines on its tail.

A few minutes later a second Heinkel bomber appeared with two Spitfires on its tail. As the German scurried desperately across the water, only a few feet above the surface, the Spitfires were reinforced by another three British machines and the enemy, looking so much like a rat with five terriers on its tail, disappeared out to sea.

"I was standing looking out to sea when the Jerry appeared," said an eye-witness.

"Our two chaps were right on his tail.

"He dived down to the surface of the sea in order to prevent our men from getting below him.

"Then the real dog-fight began.

Dived Straight At Plane

"One of our planes came down like lightning, straight towards the German plane.

"I thought they were going to collide, but at the last minute they swerved out of each other's way.

"They then began the craziest aerobatics I've ever seen.

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SPITFIRES FLY AT 362 m.p.h.

SPEED of the Supermarine Spitfire, Britain's fastest fighter in regular service, is 362 m.p.h. at 18,500ft.

The Spitfire climbs to 11,000ft. in 4min. 48sec., equal to a vertical ascent at 26 miles an hour.

The De Havilland Flamingo air liner has been recorded as having a top speed of 243 m.p.h. and a cruising speed at 5,000ft. of 227 m.p.h.

Liner's Novel Anti-Mine Protection

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Queen Elizabeth is equipped with cables running completely around her hull. These are believed to be electrically charged for the purpose of safeguarding the ship from magnetic mines.

The navigation bridge was protected by steel plates and there are two pill-boxes on the navigation deck. No guns are visible.

Captain J. C. Townley's first words were: "Well——we're here!"

Only officials of the Cunard-White Star Line are permitted to board the liner.

Death Of Japanese Princess

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 8 (Domei).—Her Highness Princess Masako Takeda, consort of the late Prince Tsunehisa Takeda, passed away at 2.27 o'clock this morning.

Her Highness has been suffering from pneumonia.

Princess Takeda, 52 years of age, was the sixth daughter of the late Emperor Meiji.

'Bomb Berlin' Demand In House of Commons

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Hugh Dalton asked for a definite assurance that all plans were completely prepared for our bombers to take immediate action against military targets in Germany in the event of any attempt being made to bomb London or any other objective in this country. (Cheers).

Mr. Dalton declared that a number of people connected with the production of aircraft were not altogether satisfied that even yet we were getting the maximum rate of output.

"There is some evidence that rather too many types of planes are under consideration," he declared.

Wants Long-Range Fighter

He questioned whether we had in use a fighter equal to the Messerschmitt 110.

"It is argued by persons of technical competence that we should now be producing a two-seater long-range fighter armed with cannon and capable of a speed of at least 350 miles an hour.

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes suggested that in order to secure more effective co-operation with the Navy in the protection of shipping in the North Sea, the coastal air force should be placed under the complete control of the Admiralty and that additional bomber and fighter squadrons be trained without delay.

BORDER RUMOURS

Shooting Audible

RUMOURS WERE current in Hongkong this morning that the Japanese have effected a new landing at Namtau, north of Deep Bay, and that they intend pushing on to re-occupy Shum Chun.

No confirmation of these rumours can be obtained from any reliable source in Hongkong.

The "Telegraph" learns from authoritative sources that small patrols of Japanese were observed north of Namtau two days ago, but reports from Namtau at midnight indicated that all was peaceful there and the Magistrate has denied that any untoward incidents have occurred.

However, it is officially learned that a small amount of shooting was audible in Chinese territory from Hongkong territory this morning.

No Japanese soldiers have been seen from the Hongkong side of the frontier and there has apparently been no influx of refugees.

Tin To Pay For Loan

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—It is understood that the United States may take part payment for the loan of $20,000,000 to China in the form of shipments of tin from Yunnan Province.

ROOSEVELT DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 7 (UP).—Mrs. James (Betsy) Roosevelt has been granted a divorce.

The hearing lasted only one-minute.

Cunarder's Dramatic Voyage

"That's Doin' 'Itler In The Eye"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Queen Elizabeth steamed to New York at almost full speed. She was protected by a screen of naval vessels.

She avoided the normal steamer lane to New York and went by a northern route most of the way.

"Splendid! Very good work indeed," was Mr. Winston Churchill's comment on the safe transport of the Queen Elizabeth.

"That's doin' little old 'Itler in the eye," says the Man-In-The-Street. "How's old Nasty goin' to explain this one away."

However, the Air Ministry view the accomplishment as a reminder that mass air raids may be expected in the near future.

Complete Surprise

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The giant British liner Queen Elizabeth has brought to an end her strange maiden voyage.

She lay in quarantine to-day waiting for the late afternoon tide to take her up to her berth.

Although hundreds of people must have seen her leave the Clyde ten days ago, the announcement made on Wednesday night that she was nearing the United States came as a complete surprise not only to Germany but to thousands of people on both sides of the Atlantic.

She was first sighted yesterday by plane outside American territorial waters. The plane refused to disclose her exact position.

She was making her way through smooth seas, the thick smoke belching from her two funnels up into a cloud dotted sky.

Her decks looked bare and lifeless. She carried no identification marks but the Red Ensign was broken from her stern as the plane circled overhead.

She is painted grey all over.

"Audacious" Voyage

The Queen Elizabeth carried no passengers but she had a number of technical experts on board as, in addition to this being her maiden voyage, the journey was also in the nature of a trial trip.

The fact that she managed to cross the Atlantic before anyone even knew that she had left the Clyde has made a great impression in Canada and the United States.

Canadian newspapers use the term "audacious" and the way in which the secret of her crossing was kept has aroused wonder and admiration.

New York papers printed large pictures of the Queen Elizabeth and of the Queen Mary and Normandie, alongside which she is to berth.

The popular "New York Journal" prints a banner headline reading "Huge British liner foils submarines in secret trip."

One of the most remarkable features about the Queen Elizabeth is that she was completed despite the war. It was announced sometime ago that she would be ready on February 26 and it was on this day she sailed.

Bare And Lifeless

The Queen Elizabeth reached the quarantine station in New York at 3.09 p.m. G.M.T.

When she was seen approaching the island she was unescorted and the decks looked bare and lifeless.

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Events Move Swiftly As Russia Presents 24-Hour Ultimatum To Finland: Helsingfors May Reject "Impossible Demands"

MANNERHEIM THREATENS RESIGNATION IF MORE AID NOT FORTHCOMING

EVENTS ARE MOVING RAPIDLY IN FINLAND, WHERE, AS REPORTED IN EARLY EDITIONS OF THE "TELEGRAPH," THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING PEACE PROPOSALS BY RUSSIA.

If Finland accepts these proposals she will be left, to all intents and purposes, at the mercy of the Soviet.

FOUR DEMANDS

According to the Paris "Soir," (quoted by "United Press") Russia has demanded:

1.—Cession of the entire Karelian Isthmus, including Viborg (Finland's second largest city) and the western shores of Lake Ladoga. This demand would have the effect of passing the Mannerheim Line and the natural barrier created by Lake Ladoga and its innumerable islands into Russian control.

2.—Cession of Northern Lapland, including the Petsamo area and Finland's only Arctic ports. This would deprive Finland of an outlet into the Arctic and would give Soviet Russia a common frontier with Norway.

3.—Cession of Hangoe Islands. This would permit Russia to construct a second naval base at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland—she is already constructing one on the other side of the Gulf on Estonian territory—and thus assure her of virtual control of the entire waters of the Gulf.

4.—Resignation of Field Marshal Mannerheim and other important Finnish leaders.

According to "Reuter" and "Domei" Finland has officially confirmed receipt of the Soviet ultimatum.

24 HOURS TO REPLY

"United Press" states that Finland has been given 24 hours in which to reply.

If the ultimatum is not accepted by Finland, says "Domei," Russia has threatened that she will intensify aerial and military operations against the country.

Informed quarters, adds "Domei", declare that it would be a hasty conclusion that Finland will reject any proposals at this stage. Edward Beattie, the "United Press" war correspondent in Helsingfors, states that the Soviet ultimatum to Finland was conveyed through Sweden.

The ultimatum was conveyed to M. Tanner, the Finnish Foreign Minister, by an envoy from King Gustav.

It is believed that Finland has been given until midnight on Friday to reply.

Representatives of the Swedish and Finnish Governments will meet to-night to open negotiations on the basis contained in the Soviet ultimatum.

Mannerheim's Threat

Press reports from Copenhagen (say "United Press") state that Field Marshal Mannerheim, the Finnish Commander-in-Chief, has returned to Helsingfors from the Karelian front.

He is reported to have threatened that unless foreign aid on a greater scale is forthcoming he must resign his task.

A "Domei" message from New York quotes the Stockholm Correspondent of the "New York Times" as stating that the Finnish Government spent to-day in examining the Russian proposals.

The correspondent believes that Sweden warned Moscow that terms of too harsh a nature would result in stiffened Finnish resistance, in which case the Scandinavian bloc would not prevent British and French troops from reaching Finland through their territories.

Allied Pressure

A "Reuter" message from Rome quotes Rome-Radio as alleging that Britain and France have brought

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SURRENDER OF HANGOE DEMANDED

By EDWARD BEATTIE
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 8 (UP).—Finland officially confirms the reception of Russian demands.

An official statement is promised later.

I am informed that the Finnish Government regards the surrender of Hangoe as an impossible demand.

Russia, it is stated, has announced her intention of building a naval base on the islands.

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AIR RAIDS CONTINUE

No Let Up In Red Attacks On Finns

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 8, (Reuter).—Russian bombers yesterday bombed and destroyed a military hospital, killing 38 inmates and wounding 86.

The same planes also dropped leaflets stating that the Soviet Union would be generous to those who surrendered.

The leaflets continued: "Mannerheim says that a Finnish soldier must be killed twice before dying. We have come to-day to say to you that we are capable of showing you that this is possible too."

Some of these leaflets fell onto the hospital after the bombing.

Red Claims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Mar. 7, (Domei).—The Leningrad Command announces that Soviet troops to-day occupied the city of Naotsi, about 100 miles south of Petsamo, the city of Jitakalanta north of Lake Ladoga and Maksimansaari, Peyasaari, Pamionsaari and Honkasaari islands west of Lake Ladoga.

Marked Activity

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—To-day's communique reports marked activity of French and German patrols on the eastern flank of the Vosges.

LATEST

JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR ROME

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
New York, Mar. 7.

TOKYO, Mar. 8 (Domei).—The Japanese Government is prepared to extend whole-hearted support to Italy in connection with the latter's protest to Great Britain regarding neutral commerce.

This declaration was made to-day by Mr. Y. Suma, spokesman of the Foreign Office.

The spokesman added that the Japanese Government was completely in accord with the Italian Government in demanding confirmation of the legitimate rights of neutrals and adherence to the principle of freedom of commerce.

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POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Canton .... Mar. 8.
Shanghai and Amoy .... Mar. 8.
Shanghai .... Mar. 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 28th Feb. Mar. 9.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon . Mar. 9.
Japan and Shanghai .... Mar. 9.
Sandakan .... Mar. 9.
Shanghai .... Mar. 9.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 2nd, March .... Mar. 10.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd March .... Mar. 10.
Canton .... Mar. 10.
Japan and Shanghai .... Mar. 10.
Saigon .... Mar. 10.
Straits and Manila .... Mar. 10.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 25th January). Mar. 10.
U.S.A., and Manila—(San Francisco date, 17th Feb.) .... Mar. 10.
Haiphong .... Mar. 11.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard Mar. 11.
Japan. .... Mar. 11.
Japan and Shanghai .... Mar. 12.
Shanghai .... Mar. 12.
Straits and Palembang .... Mar. 12.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 6th March Mar. 13.

OUTWARD MAILS
Friday, March 8

Straits. .... 4.30 p.m.
Manila. .... 7.00 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 9

Canton .... 7.15 a.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Straits, Ceylon and Egypt. ...... 9.30 a.m.
Amoy .... 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard, and Hoihow .. 1.30 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th April.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg., ... 1.45 p.m.
Ord., ... 2.30 p.m.
Manila .... 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 9th April

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. .... Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
Saigon .... 5.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan ...... 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th March.

Kowloon P. O.

Reg., ... Mar. 9, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg., ... Mar. 9, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... Mar. 11, 7.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 17th March

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg., ... 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... 5.30 p.m.
Yokohama, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 20th March.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg. .... 5.00 p.m.
Ord. .... 5.30 p.m.
Saigon .... 5.30 p.m.
Haiphong .... 5.30 p.m.
Manila .... 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. 9 a.m.
Shanghai .... 9 a.m.
Japan .... 9 a.m.

Monday, March 11

Haiphong .... 1 p.m.
Canton .... 7 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1940, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1940,** both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks, $ .... 1,470 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £ 92 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £ .. 92 n.
Chartered £ .... 9⅝ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ ...... 31¼ n.
Mercantile, C. £ .... 12½ n.
East Asia $ .... 77 n.

INSURANCES

Canton $ .... 227½ b.
Union $ .... 480 b.
China Underwriters $ .... 1 n.
H.K. Fire $ .... 185 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases $ .... 115 b.
Steamboats $ .... 10½ sa.
Indo-Chinas P$ .... 100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.$ .... 80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/- .... 80/7½ n.
Waterboats $ .... 7½ n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves $ .... 103 b.
Docks $ .... 22½ n.
Providents $ .... 5.10 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. $ .... 39 n

MINING

Kailan s/- .... 18 n.
Raubs $ .... 10 n.
Venz. Gold $ .... 4 n.
H.K. Mines .... 4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels $ .... 5.70 n.
Lands $ .... 38½ n.
Lands 4% Debentures .... 100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $ .... 15.40 n.
Humphreys $ .... 7¾ n.
H.K. Realties $ .... 5 n.
Chinese Estates $ .... 105 n.

UTILITIES

Trams $ .... 18.10 s.
Peak Trams (old) $ .... 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $ .... 4 n.
Star Ferries $ .... 67 n.
Y. Ferries $ .... 27½ n.
China Lights (old) $ .... 8.45 n.
China Lights (new) $ .... 5.55 n.
H.K. Electrics $ .... 67.60 sa.
Macao Electrics $ .... 22 n.
Sandakan Lights $ .... 11¼ b.
Telephones (old) $ .... 29.80 n.
Telephones (new) $ .... 11¾ n.
Tractions s/- .... C.D. 21/9 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/- ...... 23/- n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $ .. 14.90 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $ ... 12 n.
Canton Ices $ .... 1 n.
Cements $ .... 19.60 sa.
H.K. Ropes $ .... 6.10 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) $ ...... 22¾ sa.
Dairy Farms (new) $ .... 22 n.
Watsons $ .... 9½ sa.
Lane, Crawfords $ .... 7½ n.
Sinceres $ .... 1.80 n
Wing On (H.K.) $ .... 41 n.
Powell, Ltd. $ .... 1 n

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. $ .... 42¼ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $ .... 170 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. $ .... 65 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $ .... 48½ n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments $ ...... 7.40 n.
Constructions (old) $ ...... 1¾ n.
Constructions (new) $ .... 1 n.
Vibro Piling $ .... 8¾ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925
G. Bonds .... 51% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan .... 100¾ n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan .... 95½ n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/- ...... 14/9 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- ...... 4/- n

Roosevelt's Son Divorced

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mrs. Betsy Cushing Roosevelt has obtained a divorce from James Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's eldest son.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4234	Junction of Prince Edward Road & Argyle Street.	As per sale plan.				About 21,500	$246	$16,125

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stirling Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4235.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2920 & 4023, Stirling Road.	As per sale plan.				About 14,000	$160	$7,000

Sensational Trial Likely

Alleged Fraud Through The U.S. Mails

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (UP).—The trial of the five alleged accomplices of Coster Musica began in the Federal Court to-day. Great sensations are promised.

They are charged with defrauding through the United States mails and violation of the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules. The accused include the brothers of Coster, George and Robert Musica.

CONCILIATION TREATIES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—It has been learned here that the United States is negotiating treaties of conciliation with Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand providing that any dispute arising between the Dominions and the United States shall be referred to a permanent Conciliation Commission consisting of five members, two of whom will represented the United States.

There will be a separate Commission for each Dominion.

The United States has already a conciliatory treaty with Britain but its references to the Dominions since the Statute of Westminster are regarded as out of date.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4236.	Boundary Street between Sai Yeung Choi Street & Tung Choi Street, Mongkok.	as per sale plan.				About 8,270	$152	$18,608

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2769	Junction of Fuk Wing Street & Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan	as per sale plan.				About 11,800	$162	$7,080

LETTERS

Answer To Correspondent

R.S.: You're treading on dangerous ground. The exemption referred to is one that applies in every Dominion and Colony. We have every reason to believe that it will apply only theoretically in Hongkong.—Ed.

AMERICA AND THE DOMINIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Domei).—It is understood that the United States Government is conducting negotiations for adjusting relations with various British Dominions including Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa.

The negotiations are aiming at the establishment of separate commissions between the United States and the Governments of British Dominions which will be charged with the task of settling peacefully all questions arising between them.

Allies Will Spend £450,000,000

NEW YORK, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—The Chief of the Allied Purchasing Commission in the United States told Pressmen yesterday that the amount to be spent on war planes in the United States might reach the total of £450,000,000.

Substantial new orders were recently given.

Fighting Nr. Nanning

Chinese Claim New Successes

A further success on the South China front is claimed by the Chinese. A Chinese military spokesman in Chungking said in a Press interview this morning that Chinese troops yesterday recaptured Santang, on the Nanning-Pinyang highway, and drove the Japanese back to Erhtang.

Fighting, he stated, continues at Shihfow, Kaofengyai and other outer defence points of Nanning.

He also stated that the Japanese have voluntarily destroyed the highway between Santang and south of Kaofengyai in order to check the Chinese advance.

On the south bank of the Wat River, the Japanese, after being defeated at Shangsze, have withdrawn to Suhu and Ng Chuen.

Japanese Embarrassed

The spokesman estimated the Japanese force in South Kwangsi at two divisions, one around Nanning and the other along the coast.

In their "mopping up" operations on Hainan Island, the Japanese are stated to have met with scant success. Those who landed at Lingshui on the southern part of the island have been subjected to a pincer attack, sustaining the loss of 300 men.

Those who are driving northward from Yulin Harbour are said to be encircled by the Chinese north of Sunchuen, while those who landed at Tunhsien in north-west Hainan are trapped in the hills with their retreat cut off.

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Suspected Theft Gang Rounded Up

Sequel To Nathan Rd. Robberies

The Police in Kowloon arrested three men whom they believed to be members of a gang who had committed many thefts from a block of houses in Nathan Road last month, and charged them before Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Shum Wah, 34, unemployed, was charged with loitering on the roof of No. 532 Nathan Road, and breaking into No. 548 Nathan Road. Lo Sze, 28, unemployed, was charged with breaking into Nos. 542 and 526 Nathan Road. Ng Kai-nam, 33, shop fokl, with receiving articles stolen by Shum and Lo.

Det.-Sgt. Johnston said on March 1, Shum was seen going up to the roof by Mr. R. M. Gutierrez. He was followed and caught near a water-tank. When arrested Shum gave certain information which led to Lo's arrest. Lo admitted the charges, and told the police of Ng.

Shum was sentenced to four months' hard labour and recommended for banishment. Lo and Ng were remanded for three days for further inquiries.

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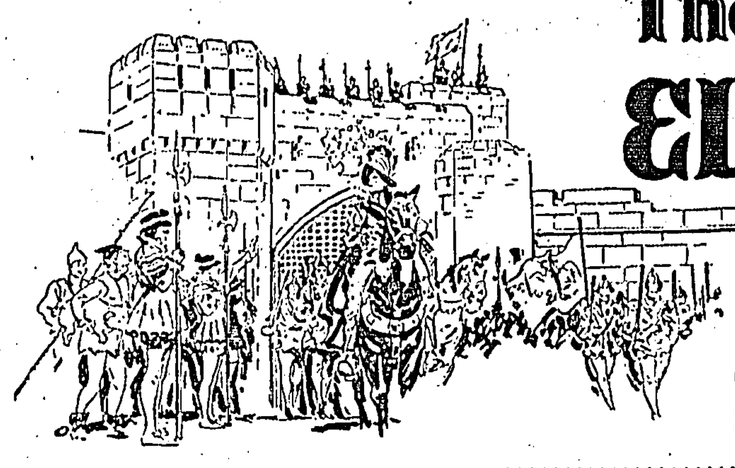

"The Private Lives OF ELIZABETH AND ESSEX"

From The Warner Bros. Film Of The Same Name, Which Will Be Screened In Hongkong Shortly.

THE grim courtyard of the Tower of London was flooded with morning light.

Men-at-arms, the Queen's Guard, and other troops were being marched into position to form a hollow square; in a corner, the headsman, a brutal-faced man with a shaven head, sat on the execution block whetting his axe and whistling *"Lord Essex at Cadiz."*

A kitten sidled up to him. He fondled it, and went on testing the edge with gusto. When the protesting shouts of the populace grew louder, he lifted his head, listened to the confused sounds, shrugged, grinned, and went on with his gruesome work.

HIGH within the Tower, chained to the wall of his cell, sat Essex, dirty and unshaven, on the edge of his pallet.

Silent, he turned Elizabeth's ring around and around on his finger.

Two men-at-arms were on guard, and a monk was intoning Latin prayers. Like distant surf the roar of the crowd came up, and at last Essex spoke dully.

"Is Her Majesty here in the Tower?"

"Yes, my lord," said one of the guards," she took residence in her apartments above, two nights ago."

"And . . . no word for me?"

"No, my lord."

THE STORY THUS FAR: London, 1596. The Earl of Essex and his subordinates, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Howard, are just back from the storming of Cadiz, when the Queen—whose mad infatuation with Essex is notorious—summons them. Essex, enraged because Elizabeth elevates Raleigh and Howard instead of himself, protests, is struck across the face by the Queen, and leaves London. Her armies defeated in Ireland, she sends Bacon to bring back Essex, who consents only when Bacon tells of the intrigues of Raleigh and the rest. The Queen tries to prevent Essex from heading her army in Ireland, fearing he may be killed. Dared by the Council, however, he vows to go. Receiving no news from Essex, because his letters have been purloined, she orders him back to England. He marches on Whitehall meaning to take the throne. Elizabeth meets him, all is forgiven, and the old love restored, until he tells her that he must share the throne with her, when, without further warning, she consigns him to the Tower.

At a narrow casement in an outer room of the Queen's apartments stood Lady Penelope Grey, looking down at the preparations for the execution in the courtyard, and weeping bitterly.

"But crying won't help, dear . . ." said Mistress Margaret Radcliffe, softly. "Why do you cry for him?"

"Heaven knows," sobbed Penelope, "he never cried for me!"

"The Queen will not let it happen . . ."

"The half hour's struck . . . He's to die at six!"

"And she's sent him no word?"

"Not she! She's waiting for word from *him*! Sitting there all the night before last . . . all yesterday—all last night . . . in that room . . . on her Chair of State, sleepless . . . staring . . . waiting . . . waiting for him to beg her pardon . . . But he's too proud . . . too . . . too . . ."

"Heaven help us women . . . Is there nothing we . . ."

"Yes, there is! Perhaps there's one last chance! I'm going to tell her about those letters . . . I can't keep silent any longer . . . Even though it's my head that rolls in the dust . . . beside his!"

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MOVED to tears by Penelope's plea the Queen sent for Essex.

When, haggard and grim, he emerged from the trap-door and stood before her, she dismissed the guards.

"You spoil me for death, Elizabeth . . ." he said in a low voice. "Wouldn't it have been kinder to leave me with my thoughts?"

"Are you so set on dying?"

"If it comes . . . it's best that I go forth quickly and meet it . . ."

"You know, Robert, that I never meant that you should die."

"I've been found guilty of treason and treason is punishable by death."

"I waited . . . thinking you would send the ring . . . but the nights went by, somehow, like the days, and it never came . . . and here is the last morning . . . the last quarter hour . . ."

"I played for power once—and lost! But *listen!*"

Faint and far distant arose the angry roar of the mob, with half-comprehended cries of "Up, Essex!"—"Down with the Queen!"—"Release him!"

"Do you hear that, Elizabeth?" he continued tensely." The people are with me . . . and if I had another chance . . . I'd win!"

"Why do you tell me this? Don't you know . . . what it means?" Then, desperately, her hands reaching blindly for his hands, "You can't! You can't go this way, Robert! I'll not let you! I love you . . . love you . . ."

"Then . . .! Are you ready to give up your crown to me?"

"No! No! No, I cannot . . . . I do love you . . . will always love you till life is drained from me . . . no matter how long and lonely the after years may be! But there's another love . . . greater even than that! *England!* That is my greatest and most enduring love—and when I think of what you would do to my country if you were king—I'd see you *dead!* Yes, and your soul condemned in eternity forever—before I'd let you do it!"

"You think *I* don't love England?"

"You do . . . but your love does not match your lust for power! For the greater glory of Essex you'd make war upon the world . . . drag down your country and drown her in a sea of debts and blood!"

"Perhaps," he murmured sadly, "you are right . . . If so it's better that I go! If things had been different, you simply a woman and not a queen, and I a man, with no empire between us, we could have searched heaven and earth for two perfect lovers, and ended the search with ourselves. For out of all this earth that I am now to leave, I care about leaving nothing . . . nothing but you . . ."

"Robert, stay with me . . . Share with me . . . Give me the ring . . ."

"No . . . for if I did I'd be your death or you'd be mine . . . and you . . . and England must live! Goodbye then . . . my darling . . ."

"Oh, I'm old . . . I'm old . . . With you I could have been young again . . . Robert . . . take my throne . . . take England . . ." But he was gone.

She stood staring as the drums increased . . . reached their peak . . . stopped suddenly. Then the single, heavy thud of a drum. Then silence.

THE END

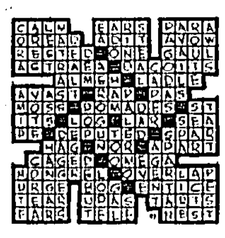
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

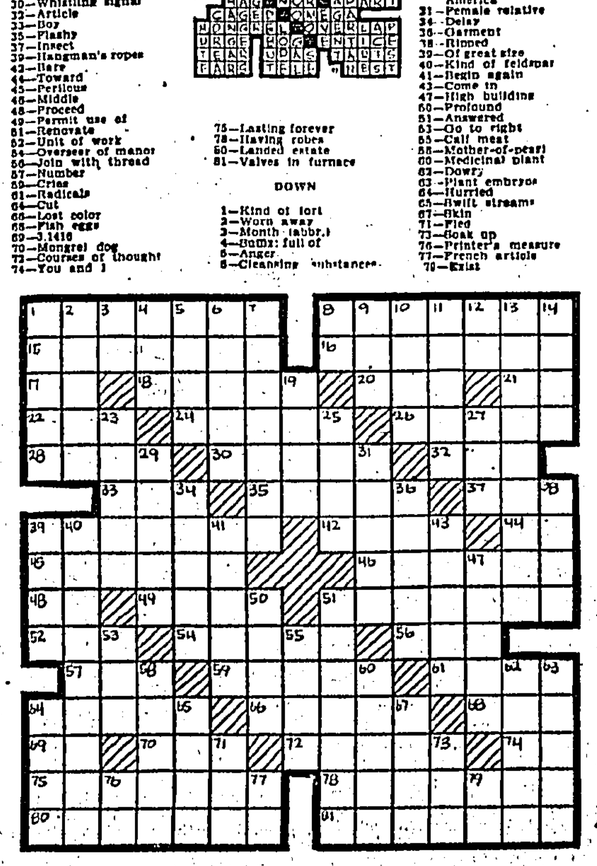
1—Regret
8—Toward interior
15—Wearing effect of weather
16—Agonizing labor
17—Perform
18—Make happy
20—Exist
21—In this manner
22—Serpent
24—Excess of solar year over 12 months
26—Delete
28—Element in air
30—Whistling signal
32—Article
33—Boy
35—Flashy
37—Insect
39—Hangman's ropes
42—Hare
44—Toward
45—Perilous
46—Middle
48—Proceed
49—Permit use of
51—Renovate
52—Unit of work
54—Overseer of manor
56—Join with thread
57—Number
59—Cries
61—Radicals
64—Cut
66—Lost color
68—Fish eggs
69—3.1416
70—Mongrel dog
72—Courses of thought
74—You and I
75—Lasting forever
78—Having robes
80—Landed estate
81—Valves in furnace

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Kind of fort
2—Worn away
3—Month (abbr.)
4—Gums: full of
5—Anger
6—Cleansing substances
7—Brings as consequence
8—That thing
9—National Recovery Act
10—Item of merchandise
11—Prevent from happening
12—Sun god
13—One who disagrees
14—Wild plum
19—Unbleached
23—Voting places
25—Period in office
27—Exclamation
29—Part of South America
31—Female relative
34—Delay
36—Garment
38—Ripped
39—Of great size
40—Kind of feldspar
41—Begin again
43—Come in
47—High buildings
50—Profound
51—Answered
53—Go to right
55—Calf meat
58—Mother-of-pearl
60—Medicinal plant
62—Dowry
63—Plant embryos
64—Hurried
65—Swift streams
67—Skin
71—Fled
73—Soak up
76—Printer's measure
77—French article
79—Exist



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM?

CAN you identify the ranks and ratings of Britain's fighting services?

Many of the present rankings in all European armies descend directly from the legions of Rome, and the rest from the Middle Ages.

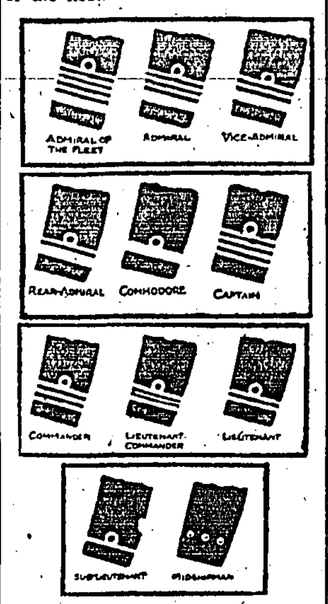
Thus captains, sergeants, and corporals have marched from the days of the pike through the era of the match-lock and blunderbuss to the present day.

The sergeant was a mounted officer way back in the twelfth century, ranking only below a knight. The title is derived from the French word "serviens," to serve.

Corporals held much power in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when they were classified as superior staff officers. Incidentally, the petty officer of the Royal Navy was once called a "ship's corporal."

Even to-day the two Household Cavalry regiments, the Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards, have corporals-of-horse and corporal-majors in the place of sergeants.

Let us take the senior service—the Navy—first. Here are the rank marks from midshipman to admiral of the fleet.



The title of admiral, by the way, is corrupted from a title used by the Moors in Spain centuries ago. Their craft at sea were commanded by Emirs Almar.

Commodores were first introduced after the Dutch wars.

Now we come to the ratings. These are some of the chief badges. They easily identify the callings of the bearers:—

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Canadian Air Force H.Q.

Now Established In England

LONDON, Mar 7 (Reuter).—The Overseas Headquarters of the Royal Canadian Air Force has now been established in Britain.

Up to now there has only been a Liaison Officer, and the development marks an important stage in Canada's progressive contribution to the Empire's war effort.

This announcement was made by the Canadian Minister for National Defence, the Hon. Mr. Norman McLeod Roger, who also revealed that a major section of the new organisation had arrived in Great Britain.

Officers and men arrived and landed a few days ago and have now joined those who proceeded overseas in advance of the Canadian Army Co-operation Squadron which landed a fortnight ago to make arrangements for its reception.

DUTCH SHIPS ATTACKED

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—When the Dutch motorship Delfzaje arrived in Port Hanswoert she reported that she had been heavily attacked by an unknown aeroplane while on her way to Rotterdam.

The aeroplane started by raking the motorship with machine-gun fire. Then it dropped six or seven bombs which fell nearby causing terrific explosions which rocked the ship and did considerable damage.

Flying Visit To Moscow

Stafford Cripps Said To Have Seen Stalin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 7 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Sir Stafford Cripps, former leader of the British Labour Party, made a flying trip through Sinkiang last February and interviewed Soviet leaders, probably including M. Stalin, discussing Anglo-Soviet relations and viewpoints in his personal capacity.

The report said Sir Stafford left for Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet authorities.

B.E.F. Casualties

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The War Office has issued a casualty list in connection with the raid on a British post on March 5, giving the names of two of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry men who were killed in action, and 14 missing, believed to be prisoners.

French Losses

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—A French cameraman has been killed and two others have been wounded whilst on patrol duty.

North China And New Regime

PEIPING, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—It is presumed locally that North China will retain more or less an independent status under the Central regime.

Grave Food Shortage

Peiping Faces A Trying Period

PEIPING, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—The spotlight locally has shifted from political affairs to the economic situation, and even the forthcoming Central Political Conference at Nanking, at which the future political status of North China will possibly be decided, cannot obscure or even rival the serious rapidly worsening situation.

Despite all efforts of the authorities, the food situation shows all signs of developing into a major tragedy, and it is a wonder that the Chinese are able to exist at all under the present condition.

Costs Twice As Much

According to the latest figures, it costs a family twice as much to subsist on the meanest fare as its monthly income.

Already there have been near riots in Peiping. Hundreds are gathering daily at food shops. The most tragic scenes are witnessed as crowds of half-starving Chinese, including women and children, gather in the hope of purchasing food which is either non-existent or is being sold at exorbitant prices or in the hands of unscrupulous hoarders.

Arabs With The Allies

Near East Position Is Stronger Than Ever

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" special correspondent at Amman (Trans-Jordan) says: "My visit to Trans-Jordan has convinced me that if the war moves to the Near East, Britain will be in a far stronger defensive position than the Turks were in the last war.

"Britain is in the happy position of enjoying the complete confidence of the Arabs of Trans-Jordan and the Arabs will play an important part in defending the Allied lines of communication.

Enemy's Main Objectives

"The enemy's main objective would be the pipe-line from Kirkur to Tripoli and Haifa, which supplies oil for the Mediterranean Fleet and the Allied armies. He would also aim at the newly-built road alongside the pipe-line from Haifa to Baghdad and the Persian Gulf, which forms an alternative to the Suez Canal route to India.

"The Arabs would co-operate in the struggle not by attacking the enemy's lines of communication as in the last war but by defending the Allies' line."

Anti-War Bias Grows In U.S.

Significant Remarks By Ambassador

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador to London, in an interview here on his return from America, said: "If isolation means a desire to keep out of the war I should say it is definitely stronger now in America.

"I think very definitely that this feeling of isolation has been increased by the examination of mails and the stopping of ships.

"Such things as the sinking of neutral ships makes an impression on American minds but does not make America want to go to war."

Asked if there was any sign of a war boom in the United States, Mr. Kennedy replied: "The idea of America standing on the sideline and getting a lot of money is nonsense. The dislocation of trade and business is a very severe thing."

Daladier Is Satisfied

Comment On Talks With Mr. Welles

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—"I am very satisfied with my conversation with Mr. Sumner Welles and with his visit," M. Daladier told "Reuter."

The talk had been scheduled to take only an hour, and consequently Mr. Welles was late for his next engagement with high officials of the Quai D'Orsay.

Mr. Welles also had a conversation, probably the most important of the visit, with M. Daladier at a small dinner party to-night.

Business Event

It is clear from the list of guests that the dinner was a business rather than a social occasion. Those present included M. Chautemps, the Vice-Premier, M. Champetier de Rebes, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and M. Coulondre, Director of the Foreign Ministers Office.

It is understood that French statesmen have made full use of the opportunity to explain France's view point in the war, and it is believed that Franco-Italian relations and the situation in Scandinavia were also referred to.

Big U.S. Loan For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (UP).—Mrs. Jesse Jones to-day announced that the Export and Import Bank has allocated $20,000,000 for China.

Other Loans Approved

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Export-Import Bank announces that the trustees have approved a loan of $20,000,000 to China to finance non-military exports.

Loans of $10,000,000 and $1,000,000 are approved for Denmark and Iceland respectively.

COALITION GOVT. FOR AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Country Party will hold a meeting on Monday to consider an offer by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, to form a Coalition Government with Mr. Cameron, Country Party leader, as Deputy Prime Minister while other members of the Party are to be offered three portfolios and three honorary ministerships.

It is generally expected that the Country Party will accept the offer.

The coalition of Mr. Menzies' United Australian Party and the Country Party will give them a clear majority in Parliament although the Labour Party holds slightly more seats than either of them separately.

Afridis Ready To Fight Reds

Famed Frontier Tribe And "Sacred Duty"

PESHAWAR, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Over 100,000 Afridi tribesmen are ready to fight against Russia, according to a daily vernacular paper published here.

The paper says the tribesmen have informed the Government that they will volunteer to fight in the event of Russia attacking any Eastern power.

The paper adds that as the Muslim Afridis consider it their sacred duty to prevent "a godless nation like Russia from succeeding in her designs" they will endeavour to secure the adherence of other important tribes to this principle.

Powerful Tribe

The Afridis are a Pathan tribe inhabiting the mountains on the Peshawar border of the North-West Frontier province of India. They are the most powerful and independent tribe on the border and the largest with the exception of the Waziris. Their origin is obscure but they are said to have Israelitish blood in their veins and they have a decidedly Semitic cast of features.

The tribe is divided into eight clans, seven of which live in the vicinity of the Khyber Pass and migrate to Tirah in the summer months.

Seek To Buy Govt. Ships

Bids By U.S. Shipping Companies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Maritime Commission said to-day that they may reach a decision next week on the bids submitted by the American Mail Line and the American President Line for the Puget Sound-Orient Line in which the Government owns six ships.

Meanwhile it is learned that Mr. Richard Reynolds of Winston-Salem N.C., has purchased, for personal interests, the steamer Stanley Dollar which formerly belonged to the American Mail Line.

DISASTROUS MANILA FIRE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Mar. 8 (UP).—Three hundred and fifty families were rendered homeless, scores were injured and 100,000 peso worth of damage done when a fire broke out in San Pedro Makati, a suburb of Manila near Fort William McKinley, the U.S., Army Reservation, early this morning.

Many American-owned homes were endangered. Seventy-one native houses were destroyed many of which were owned by Philippine Scouts, (Filipinos enlisted in the U.S. Army).

Dutch Coal For Italy

Four Colliers Loading At Amsterdam

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, March 7 (UP).—The Italian Coal Delegation at Rotterdam to-day told the "United Press" by telephone that the loading of coal ships is continuing, but the delegation has no knowledge of the reported intention to send some of them to Antwerp to load non-contraband cargo.

They said the four ships which will probably be the first ready to leave for Italy are the Amsterdam (8,673 tons), Gianfranco (8,181 tons) Nita (6,813 tons) and Tina Primo (4,853 tons).

Italian Ship Released

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—One Italian ship, which was stopped by British contraband control while carrying German coal from Rotterdam to Italy, has been released as it was found that she sailed before the embargo order came into effect but was delayed later by engine trouble.

It is emphasised here that cargoes seized from eight of the ships on Wednesday night will be detained until the end of the war. Then if the cargoes are of Italian or neutral ownership, they will be delivered.

The ships themselves are to be released as soon as possible.

Brussels Comment

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Brussels paper, "Libel," discussing the Italian protest regarding the coal question, notes that the arguments are based firstly on juridical and secondly on material grounds.

The paper points out that the juridical arguments "constitute a summary of the complaints which neutrals undeniably have the right to raise against the Allied blockade methods."

The article continues, however: "These arguments present only one side of the picture and do not mention the greater shortcomings of which Germany is guilty.

Italy Forgets This

"Naturally the unilateral character of these complaints removes much of their weight nor can one forget that Italy, during the last war and in the Turkish-Italian war of 1911, never felt such a respect for maritime and international law."

"Te Peuple" says: "If Italy thinks that she can use her non-belligerent position to put pressure on the Allies to compromise in the Franco-British blockade or render the German war-machine a clandestine service, she shows a profound ignorance of the true equilibrium of the forces in Europe."

Differences In London

ROME, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—According to reports reaching here, there is some difference of opinion between the British Foreign Office and the Ministry of Economic Warfare about the reply to the Italian protest on the stopping of coal exports from Germany via Holland to Italy.

It is reported that so far a compromise between the two points of view have not yet been reached.

The Economic Ministry's stand is said to be more intransigeant and its attitude less compromising than that of the Foreign Office.

A reply, however, is expected to be handed to the Italian Ambassador in London during the next few days.

Reds Lose Tanks Wholesale

Fighting Raging On The Karelian Isthmus

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—To-day's Finnish war communique states that in the western part of the Karelian Ishmus, the Russians made violent attacks against the north-west coast of Viborg Bay.

Fighting still continues for the possession of the islands in this region in the neck of the Gulf of Viborg.

Enemy detachments, which advanced on the ice, suffered heavy losses as the result of Finnish gun-fire, and more than 30 tanks were destroyed.

Between the Bay of Viborg and Voukski, Finnish troops repulsed a local attack, destroyed 17 tanks.

Islands Lost

At Taipale an enemy attack, prepared by prolonged artillery fire, was repulsed.

North of Lake Ladoga, the enemy attacked in Pitkaranta and the archipelago, and took a few islands occupied by the Finns.

The Finnish air force bombarded troops and enemy columns sighted on the ice of the Gulf of Finland and Viborg Bay.

Finns Call Up Reserves

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The 1920 class was called up for military service to-day, comprising men of 19 and 20 years of age who, in the normal way, would not be called to the colours until autumn this year.

Peiping's "Flower Street" Gutted

PEIPING, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—Flower Street, the famous Mecca of foreign tourists and wellknown for Chinese jewellery and curios, was burned down this morning. Over 70 shops were gutted, involving a loss of over $500,000.

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1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Johann Strauss.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Compositions of Gershwin.

6.28 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.30 Half an hour of Variety and Dance Music.

7.0 London Relay—"She is My Lovely." The first of a new series of light entertainment.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Ella Logan (Mezzo-Soprano) with A. T. Lay at the Piano.

(a) Linden Lea, (b) Fairings, (c) The Song my Mother Sang...Ella Logan; Little Ballad...A. T. Lay; (a) The Birds go North, (b) Husheen... Ella Logan.

8.30 Orchestral Selections.

8.50 Studio—Talk on Psychology by Father G. Byrne, S.J. 4: I Play with My Dog and Pet Monkey.

9.05 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 Chopin—Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11.—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

10.20 Violin Solos by Natan Milstein.

10.35 Spanish Music.

11.0 Close down.

Norway Not Satisfied

Demands Compensation For Ship's Loss

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, March 7 (UP).—The Norwegian Foreign Office reports that a note has been sent to Berlin rejecting the German reply to the Norwegian protest against the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Elka in the middle of February.

Norway is demanding compensation for the loss of the steamer, crew and cargo, and a firm condemnation of the commander of the submarine responsible for the sinking.

Mr. Welles Starts Paris Talks

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles had talks to-night with President Lebrun and M. Daladier, the French Premier.

The visit to the President was a brief courtesy call, for Mr. Welles arrived 15 minutes ahead of schedule, before preparations for his reception were complete. He stayed over an hour.

He drove immediately to the Ministry of War and talked with M. Daladier an hour and 40 minutes.

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHICAGO, Mar. 7 (UP).—Bishop Samuel Alphonsus Stritch was installed to-day as Archbishop of Chicago by the Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Amleto Cicognani.

The ceremony took place at the Holy Name Cathedral.

Bishop Stritch succeeds the late Archbishop Mundelien.

Chicago is the largest Diocese in the United States.

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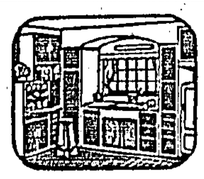

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FROZEN IN BATTLE-AMAZING FINN SCENES

Two wrecked Russian tanks abandoned when the Finns swooped down on the Russian 44th Division, on the road to Suomussalmi, and wiped it out. In front of the tanks sprawls the body of a Russian soldier frozen into a grotesque position by the intense cold.

How R.A.F. Traps The Blockade-Runners

FLYING SQUAD SWOOPS FROM SKY ON SUSPECT

By AN AIR CORRESPONDENT
Coastal Command Base on the South-West Coast.

SUSPICIOUS SEA CRAFT, that might try to run the blockade with cargoes for Germany, have to deal with a real Flying Squad these days.

I sighted one of these suspects, a few hours ago, from a porthole of a 26-ton Sunderland flying boat.

I was on convoy patrol duty over the Atlantic, with the R.A.F. Coastal Command.

We took off in the first grey dullness of the dawn.

Passing a famous landmark, not an inch out in our navigation, we changed course for a flight of several hundred miles to the expected position of a convoy.

As we flew on we watched every ship on the sea.

We knew that plenty of "neutral" ships were trying to run the blockade, and it was part of our job to make it almost impossible for them to get through.

Very Greek

Soon we found a "stranger."

She had a very Greek name and was flying a Greek flag; but our pilot was taking no chances.

Diving round the ship he signalled her with a lamp, and took a number of photographs which were sent later to the Admiralty for identification.

If the ship proved to be at all "doubtful." Admiralty vessels will stop her within a few hours.

We found our convoy easily.

First of all we spotted three ships lagging behind. With an Aldis lamp we chatted to the escort warship, whose captain confessed that he did not know where the rest of the convoy was.

On Tiptoe

A few minutes later we sighted the 28 other ships, returned to the three stragglers to flash them their position, and then started on the most important part of our job—searching for submarines.

Every man was on tiptoe, examining every mile of water for a sign of a periscope.

We didn't see one, and the fact that the Coastal Command had spotted 100 since the war, and had attacked 66 of them, might have had something to do with it.

When we returned and checked the amount of petrol that our flying boat had used, we found that the four engines had consumed as much as a light car owner would receive under rationing conditions in 15 years.

Contrast with these schemes the devastating fire of the eight-gunned Spitfires and Hurricanes, which have already accounted for a large number of German raiders.

During a visit to the Aldershot station, England, Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, wife of Britain's Prime Minister, inspects members of Women's Auxiliary Transport. Service. The W.A.T.S. serve in case of air raids.

MRS. C. SEES WATS

RUSSIAN GUNNERS IN FINLAND

Here is type of Soviet machine gunners fighting on the Karelian Isthmus in an effort to drive into Finland, although the Finns repeatedly repulse them. The Russians were reported to have lost 5,000 men and many wounded in a recent drive.

12/- A PAIR FOR NELL'S GARTERS

NELL GWYNN, particular friend of King Charles II., did not stint herself (he allowed her £5,000 a year), but she did not pay as much for things as you do to-day.

Bills she paid still exist, and a bunch of them are included in an elegant scrapbook collection of her papers which were sold at Sotheby's, Bond-street, W. Philip Robinson, of Pall-mall, bought the collection for £70.

The bills show that Nell—ex-actress who knew the value of money from hard experience—was proud of her feet. She bought as many as ten pairs of shoes at a time.

Here are some of her bills for footwear, compared with the prices for similar articles to-day:

	Nell paid £ s. d.	To-day's price £ s. d.
A pair or pink satin ribbon slippers with gold and silver decorations ..	1 0 0	5 5 0
A pair of sky-coloured satin ribbon shoes (no gold)	1 0 0	3 3 0
Two pairs of pink shoes for her children	0 0 1	10 0

Of course, money was worth more in King Charles's reign (1660 to 1685) than it is to-day. But you see the financial advantages of living in those times when you consider Nell's transport costs. Look at this comparison:

Cost of a gilded sedan chair to carry her through London's muddy streets (including 1,300 nails at £3 9s., cushions, gilt and leather) £38	Cost of a 10 h.p. saloon motor-car (which is about the social equivalent of a sedan chair. Anything from about £160

There was just one item that cost Nell Gwynn more than it costs to-day:

	Nell paid s. d.	To-day's price s. d.
A pair of embroidered garters	12 0	6 6

Careful Nell, it appears, once paid £5 for the rent of jewellery.

It would be nice to know whom she wanted to out-sparkle that time.

Nazi Bases Are War Zones

Seven German islands in the Frisian Group were recently proclaimed war zones for the duration by Admiral Raeder, Nazi Naval Chief. They are Borkum, Juist, Norderney, Langeoog, Spiekeroog, Wangeroog and Sylt. The air bases at Borkum and Sylt have already received attention from the R.A.F.

VICE-CHANCELLOR LEAVES

Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and formerly Chief Censor, has left for England to attend to urgent family affairs following the recent death of his wife.

Prof. K. H. Digby is acting as Vice-Chancellor of the University in his absence and Mr. W. Faid as Chief Censor.

Pilots Attacked German Bombers With Revolvers

TWELVE German planes swept in from the sea one day in January, 1915, and bombed Dunkirk. British, French and Belgian pilots took the air and engaged the enemy with rifle and revolver fire. One German plane was brought down.

Now, 25 years later, the crude equipment of rifle and revolver has advanced in the latest Super-marine Spitfire and Hawker Hurricane machines to batteries of machine-guns firing 10,000 rounds a minute.

Early experiments in the technique of air combat showed extraordinary ingenuity not, unfortunately matched by practical results.

It was suggested that Bristol and Martinsyde Scouts should carry quantities of steel darts which they could unload from a position immediately above an adversary.

Angled For Catches

Another deadly method of attack suggested was that a pilot should attempt to entangle the propeller of an opponent's aircraft by flying above him, trailing a weight attached to 150 feet of cable.

A variant of this device was a bomb fitted with hooks in place of the weight at the end of the cable. The pilot angled for his enemy, hooked him (sometimes) and then detonated the bomb by pressing a switch.

HAIG SECRETS WILL NEVER BE DISCLOSED

THE late Earl Haig's diaries, containing secrets of the last war, will not be published until after the end of this war.

Even then large sections will be withheld, and the memorandum accompanying them will never be made public.

Earl Haig placed a 20-years ban on the publication of these documents. On January 1 this year the ban ended.

For 20 years the documents, in 32 volumes, have been locked in a steel cabinet at the British Museum.

They consist of about 800,000 words and the secret memorandum.

Major-General de Pree, nephew of the late Earl Haig and one of the Haig trustees, said:

"I have written to General Sir Bertie Drew Fisher, who is the other trustee, expressing my view.

Only Extracts Used

"I am one of the few people who has ever read the memorandum. It is possible for me to give you only a rough idea of its contents. It was written by Haig's H.Q. staff and contains the reasons for every major decision he took in the Great War.

"It would be inadvisable in the public interests for this to be published.

"Though Mr. Duff Cooper has seen the diaries, he used only extracts when he wrote Haig's biography. But nothing can be published until the end of the war, and then only parts."

Lieut.-General Sir Bertie Drew Fisher from the Southern Command:

"I have read only two volumes of the diaries," he said. "They will not be made public during the war. I have not read the memorandum."

NORTH-WEST FRONTIER UNREST IS SPREADING

CALCUTTA.—The position on the North-West Frontier is getting worse, and the Government has sanctioned an increase in the Frontier Constabulary, whose strength was reduced a few years ago.

Unrest is spreading northwards. Raiders are active in the Kohat district. A gang successfully raided a lorry carrying frontier constabulary, arms and ammunition. One constable was wounded.

Interference with communications and long-range sniping continues.

Tribesmen raided a village on the main Bannu-Dera Ismail Kahn road on market day. Six villagers and three Hindus and three Moslems were killed and five wounded; many shops were looted: and a police post was fired on.

The mail lorry on the road into Waziristan from Dera Ismail Khan was ambushed and looted.

Sir George Cunningham, Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, is arriving at New Delhi to-day to discuss the situation with the Government of India.

Theft From Hotel

Mr. A. Gislon, sub-manager of the Peninsula Hotel, has reported to the Police the loss of a table clock valued at $350 from the writing room of the hotel yesterday.

Money and other articles to the value of $34 were stolen from the residence of Mrs. H. S. Moss, 5 Cameron Road, when a thief broke open the front door early yesterday morning.

Guarding The Troops On Leave

Pilots of the Royal Air Force have assumed a new responsibility since leave for the B.E.F. began. They escort across the Channel all leave ships bringing troops home or taking them back to the front.

Troopships from Australia and Canada are met by Coastal Command aircraft while still hundreds of miles from these shores and are escorted during the remainder of their voyages. Ships sail in weather which would "ground" aircraft on any peace-time schedule, but in the wintry weather of the past month the leave ships and the troopships have never lacked an air escort.

Spirit Told Son Was Safe —SAYS FATHER

WITHIN a few minutes of the wireless announcement of the sinking of the submarine Starfish, a Portsmouth father of one of the crew claims to have known—through his "spirit guide"—that his boy had been rescued and taken prisoner.

The German wireless has not yet announced his name, but the rescued man is Chief Petty Officer W. C. L. Clarke, who has been in the submarine service for 12 years, and is a torpedo instructor.

His father is Mr. H. G. Clarke, of London Avenue, North End, Portsmouth, and he is secretary of the Christian Spiritualist Fellowship Church in Landport, Portsmouth.

In Eight Minutes

"I was able," he said, "after the first wireless announcement of the sinking of the submarine, to get through to my guide, and find out definitely that my son was one of the rescued.

"As we sat in a family circle I got through to my spirit guide and asked if he could give me any information. In eight minutes the reply came through: 'Your son is safe. He is injured slightly, and is in hospital. He is well treated and he is going on satisfactorily.'

"Every day since I have had bulletins sent through to me to say how my son is progressing.

"The last message was that he had been discharged from hospital and sent to a concentration camp. The day after I received this I received a postcard from my son saying that he was quite well and that we were not to worry."

No Changes In Trade Disputes Act

LONDON, Mar 7 (Reuter).—It would be impracticable in war-time to introduce the necessary legislation to alter the provisions of the Trade Disputes Act of 1927, the Prime Minister told a deputation of the Trade Union Congress at 10 Downing Street to-day.

The deputation expressed profound disappointment and said that they would report the position to the General Council.

S'hai Footballer Not Injured

SHANGHAI, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—Sergeant J. Campbell, of the Seaforth Highlanders' team, was not injured in a motor cycle accident as reported yesterday, the "Shanghai Times" says to-day.

His identity was confused with Sergeant George Campbell, of the Motor Transport Company, who was injured.

J. Campbell was not in the accident and is continuing his soccer career.

LONDON, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—The wreckage of two Netherlands steamers has been found in the North Sea. Neither has yet been identified.

Trapper In Alaska Is Critic of the B.B.C.

A LONELY trapper in the far north of Alaska is one of the B.B.C.'s keenest music critics. Almost weekly he writes to the Music Department at Broadcasting House commenting on symphony concerts which have been broadcast over the B.B.C. short-wave system.

Sir Adrian Boult looks forward to receiving the letters and says the trapper writes with real musical knowledge.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market has become listless having drifted into backwater. Consequently prices remain on the easy side.

	Buyers	Sales
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Dairy Farms (Old) ..		$22½
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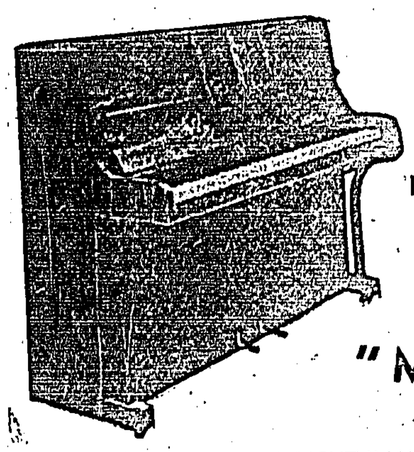

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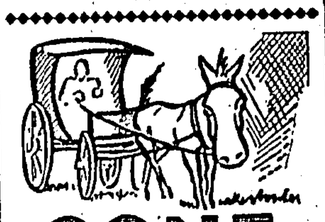

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Desperate Nazis

THE great discrepancies between the British and German accounts of the latest air operations at sea are probably accounted for by the necessity which the Nazi authorities feel to distract the attention of the German public from the ignominy of the Graf Spee.

This theory is supported by the haste with which the Berlin broadcasting authorities put on the air one night a special programme to celebrate "the glorious German air victory this afternoon"—a typical piece of Nazi showmanship, designed to keep Germans from thinking of other things.

Also, the German public are repeatedly warned of the penalties for listening to foreign broadcasts.

We hear much about the solidarity of the people behind their Fuehrer, but the Fuehrer has little faith in their ability to take bad news. The German war spirit must be kept up with a constant succession of "achievements" which, when not completely faked, are greatly exaggerated.

Aerial encounters off the German coast are assuming larger proportions. It was to be expected that the enemy would resist in strength the enterprises that the Royal Air Force has been regularly conducting in that quarter. The British losses have not been light, but the Nazis' have been more serious. That our bombers should prove more than a match for the German fighters is significant. In encounters near the British coast the raiding bombers have had much the worse of it.

All these are straight fights. Much different are the attacks which the German air force is developing against small British craft such as trawlers and finishing smacks. These outrages, as Mr. Churchill has pithily said, indicate the exasperation of the enemy, who feels the long arm of sea power laid upon his soldier. The Nazis' preference for firing their guns, bombs and machine-guns at victims who cannot strike back is a policy in which only they could find cause for satisfaction and pride.

DARLING OF THE STAGE . . .

Was what they called Maxine Elliott, who died yesterday

BEAUTY that was breath-taking gave Maxine Elliott her fame on the stage; uncanny shrewdness for investments gave her a fortune, while poise and dignity gave her a place in the most exclusive international society, where kings came and went as intimates.

She was white haired and old, but the things she had won were never diminished—her name, her fortune and her place among the great.

From the little girl who watched the sea gulls from her father's cargo ship, in the blustery harbours of New England, to the aging, but immensely self-possessed woman who sat in the sun outside her famous Riviera chateau and watched kings, dukes, princes and princesses diving in her swimming pool, was a long period, and a long career.

It was a career which the goddess of luck protected unfailingly, and Maxine Elliott never knew the usual fate of the actress—oblivion. The only thing she missed in life was lasting domestic happiness.

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NOT that Maxine Elliott ever suffered neglect. That could never be said about a woman who had a New York theatre bearing her name, whose beauty captivated King Edward VII, whose fabulous chateau was saved from flames one day, not by the local fire department, but by the British Navy—no less—part of which happened to be in the harbour.

Her real name was the good, sound, Yankee name of Jessica Dermot, and neighbours and relatives in Rockland, where she was born on Feb. 5, 1871, always referred to her as Jessica, even when she was famous.

The name Maxine Elliott was suggested by Dion Boucicault. Her younger sister, Gertrude, also took the name Elliott; she too became an actress of the first order and married Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson, renowned English Shakespearian actor. One of their daughters, Diana, is the wife of Vincent Sheean.

As a little girl, Jessica was aboard ship much of the time—in Maine, and at Oakland, where her skipper father also had a home. She went to a convent school in Roxbury, for a while, but her beauty, pure and rather austere, and her figure, which was superb, brought her rapidly to the New York stage. She was only 16 when she arrived there, and at once fell under the best influences.

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HER first job was with E. S Willard in a minor part in the popular play of "The Middleman" at Wallack's theatre. That was in 1890. She stayed with Willard for three years, and learned the fundamentals. She worked hard, learned with thoroughness and never forgot. This she had to do, because, beautiful though Maxine was, and keenly intelligent, nevertheless she was not an actress by instinct and genius. For her it was a learned profession, which took much learning.

For a season she played second to Rose Coghlan in "Diplomacy," "London Assurance" and "Forget Me Not" and then was engaged by Augustin Daly, playing leading parts in his theatre, in comedy, melodrama and Shakespeare. In 1895 she went over to London with Daly's company, made a hit and began to acquire the British friendships which soon were to include King Edward himself.

For several years, beginning in 1896, she was the leading star in Nat C. Goodwin's company, and played everything from "The Cowboy and the Lady" to "The Merchant of Venice." When she began with Goodwin's troupe, she was married to George McDermott, a New York lawyer of prominence, but divorced him that same year and married Goodwin in 1898. The marriage lasted only 10 years, for in 1908 she refused to live any longer with him, and allowed him to get a divorce on the ground of desertion.

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SHE reached her height in the fall of that year, when "Maxine Elliott's Theatre" opened in Times Square, the only New York theatre built, owned and operated by a woman since the long forgotten days of Laura Keene.

She had saved her money, and her own business intuition was of the first order. It was she who planned the theatre, she who supervised its building, and she who profited thereby—along with Lee Shubert.

There was a rather thick veil of mystery around her first meeting with King Edward VII, which took place one sunny summer day at Marienbad. However it happened, there is not the slightest doubt that her beauty and charm caught the king off balance and resulted in a friendship that lasted until his death.

He was often among her guests at her English home, Hartsbourne Manor, which became a brilliant centre for society, royal, theatrical, literary and otherwise.

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WHEN Maxine bought Hartsbourne Manor in 1910, she announced that she would retire from the stage, and this she did, for a time. But three years later she was back in London, making a success in Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree's play, "Joseph and His Brethren."

Then came the Great War and even she was caught in its flood.

She went to Belgium, in charge of her own ambulance, and worked there steadily and intensely until the end of 1916, when she went back to New York for the first time in seven years, wearing the Belgian Order of the Crown.

It was King Edward VII who made Cannes a favourite and fashion winter and summer resort for English and American society, and it was Maxine Elliott's chateau there that kept many social figures coming to the Riviera during the depression-ridden 1930s. It was built in 1930 at a cost of £70,000, one of the few chateaux of the region which open directly upon the sea. It stands 30 feet above the water, and in the grounds is a private swimming pool.

English society visited at the place so often that it acquired the nickname of "The House of Lords."

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THERE were brilliant parties there. The Duke of Windsor and his American wife were her good friends, and there were some historic political arguments around the Elliott dinner table, with such varied personalities as Windsor, Anthony Eden, Winston Churchill and Somerset Maugham taking part.

After the Great War, the life of Maxine Elliott was a peaceful one, and her maternal instincts found their outlet in the care she took with her many nieces. For a long time she even used to design their dresses and cut them out herself.

There were, to be sure, one or two adventures. There was that time when her chateau almost burned down, and there was another time, in Florida, when she was rescued from drowning, but that was the extent of the excitement. She wanted peace and found it. She never wished publicity for its own sake. (She did not give an interview in 30 years.)

She lived as she wished, mistress of her household and herself.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Remember, Nettie—no more sweets for the children to-day. I'm very careful about what goes in their tummies!"

Someone said: Suppose you'd 6 months off

by

HOWARD MARSHALL

SIX months' holiday; no financial cares; unlimited resources; where would I go?

What a question! What a hope, incidentally. But never mind about that.

At once I am tempted to say that I should buy a small boat and follow the example of Alain Gerbault, the French Davis Cup player.

Gerbault sailed into the blue, you may remember. Much to the consternation of his friends, who could not understand why lawn tennis did not satisfy him.

So did Captain Joshua Slocum, who built a boat himself and journeyed in it alone around the world. Alone, save for a goat, who embarrassed him by eating his only chart. "I sat long on the starlit deck," wrote Joshua in his log, "thinking of ships and watching the constellations on their voyage."

There's peace for you. I could spare some of my six months for the constellations.

We need time to sit and think. Never did we need it so much. And never were we so afraid of it.

In between whiles we need to tend for ourselves. We are becoming atrophied. I manage to shave myself, certainly, and put on my clothes. I raise my food to my mouth and transport my 15st. to a bus. But what else do I have to achieve to survive the daily round?

That is why I think a small boat would be stimulating and satisfactory. Not a luxury liner, but a boat which depended upon my efforts for its voyaging.

To Get Tough Again

BUT, perhaps, so aimless a journey is not permitted by the conditions. I must name my destination.

Very well. Without hesitation, I should go to New Zealand?

Why New Zealand?

Well, it depends what you demand of your six months. Personally, I have no wish to idle. The best kind of holiday is not complete laziness, but change of occupation.

This summer, for example, I hope to spend some of my spare time building a wall of old bricks. A purposeful wall down one side of a cottage garden. That will be true recreation.

So in New Zealand I should live on a sheep station and do a job of work. I should ride, and enjoy the best trout fishing in the world.

I should, in short, toughen myself up again. I have a horror of growing soft. Not that I want to keep puffing my chest out and progressing in a constant series of physical jerks.

No, the softness of life in a great city, with its synthetic amusements and its comforts and its artificiality, that's what frightens me.

I am certain man was not meant to burn out his brief life in cities. It makes me shudder to think that thousands of youngsters in London have never stepped off hard pavements.

There are no vast cities in New Zealand. The towns there are still compact. Even if you are condemned to work in an office, you can step outside when your day is done and fish or shoot or ride or bathe to your heart's content.

The country is at your door, free and unspoiled.

Here, even when we can escape, it is preserved against us and covered with bungalows at that.

I am a little tired, let me admit, of the snobbery and convention, the shams and smug self-satisfaction, the airs and graces of the old world.

I would like to spend my six months in a real country. And New Zealand fills the bill.

It may not have spectacular scenery to offer me, though it is beautiful enough. It may not cater for the sophisticated sightseer. And heaven be praised for that. What it will offer me, apart from trout fishing, is warm hospitality and that odd anachronism—a man's life.

They're Neighbourly

I HAVE many New Zealand friends. They are grand folk, kindly and straightforward. They don't judge a man by his wealth, but by his worth. They are neighbourly. And that's more than we are in London.

There are other places, I don't doubt, which I should do well to investigate.

I like living things. The past does not rouse in me any sentimental nostalgia.

Give me, therefore, a country which is alive. . .

Then how about America?

Well, America would be interesting but exhausting.

If six months are dropped into my lap out of Eternity, I want to savour them in reasonable quietude.

But why do we travel, when all is said and done? To escape from ourselves? I might do that, I suppose, in the South Seas. Or at Bali, where the moon, they tell me, is fatal to the susceptible.

I might escape into the real India—not, mark you, the India of tiffin and chota pegs and hill stations.

And Tibet—there's a country which interested me long before Mr. Ronald Colman took it under his beneficent wing in "Lost Horizon."

Tibet and the flowered-filled valleys of the Himalayan foothills and the wide beaches of the Moluccas and the forests of the Amazon—these offer us escape.

But that would not be my purpose. I should travel for discovery. I might even find myself. To that end I should not seek the last strongholds of romance or the quiet places of the earth.

A real country would be my quest. A country where people have not yet been driven to artificiality. A friendly and healthy country. And New Zealand rings true on every count.

DRASTIC 24-HOUR ULTIMATUM TO FINLAND BY SOVIET UNION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, MARCH 8 (UP).—THE STOCKHOLM CORRESPONDENT OF THE PARIS "SOIR" REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS DELIVERED AN ULTIMATUM TO HELSINGFORS.

The ultimatum demands:

1.—Cession to Russia of the entire Karelian Isthmus area, which would include the Mannerheim Line of fortifications;

2.—Cession of all territory east of the western shores of Lake Ladoga;

3.—Cession of northern Lapland.

The ultimatum expires at midnight on Friday.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Confirmation of this report comes from the Finnish Government itself.

An official statement has been issued in Helsingfors. It says:

"According to information in possession of the Finnish Government, the Soviet Government is believed to have planned to present demands on Finland more far-reaching in character than those presented last autumn.

"Details of the demands are so far lacking."

It is presumed that the new Russian demands would be in addition to those made last November.

DESTRUCTION OF DEFENCES

The Paris "Soir" states that the demands, if conceded, will end in the destruction of Finland's eastern defences.

The Russian claims include cession of Viborg, Finland's second city, and the entire Lake Ladoga area and its countless islands. The Mannerheim Line stretches from Viborg in the south to the western shores of Lake Ladoga and this entire area would be lost.

In the far north, the Russians are demanding the entire Arctic coastal area.

DANGER TO NORWAY

The effect of this would be that, in addition to Finland's loss of the Petsamo region and her only port in the Arctic, Russia would, for the first time since it became sovietized, have a common frontier with Norway.

In addition the claims for territorial cession on the mainland, Russia has reiterated its demand for the Hangoe group of islands and Hangoe peninsula.

The Hangoe group is at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland. Russia has already forced Estonia, on the other side of the Gulf, to cede strategical positions, so that cession of Hangoe will permit her to bottle the Gulf of Finland from either side at will.

The "Soir," which quotes a reliable Finnish source, states that M. Vaino Tanner, the Finnish Foreign Minister, returned to Helsingfors from Stockholm on February 29, accompanied by an envoy from King Gustav.

This envoy is stated to have personally transmitted the Russian ultimatum to a plenary session of the Finnish Cabinet.

The Paris "Soir" correspondent states that the Finnish Cabinet split on the subsequent discussions.

Nazis Mediating

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 7 (UP).—The "Ekstra Bladet" reports that Germany is playing the biggest role as mediator in the Russo-Finnish War.

Sweden feels that she is unable to mediate alone, the newspaper declares.

It declares that the recent trip to Berlin of Sven Hedin, Sweden's famous explorer, was for the purpose of insisting to his friends, Hitler and Ribbentrop, that it was vitally necessary for Germany to effect a prompt settlement of the Finnish War.

Hedin is believed to have warned Hitler that the Scandinavian countries would become involved in the European War if the Allies intervened in Finland.

The report states that Hitler promptly initiated negotiations. These are still in their early stage and are not yet assured of success, the report adds.

London Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—Diplomatic quarters state that they have heard that Russia has served new demands on Finland, including the dismissal of Baron Mannerheim and General Wallenius as well as many other military and political leaders.

The demands are believed to be so far-reaching that they will be unacceptable to the Finns, in view of the fact that the previous demand for the cession of the Hangoe Peninsula wrecked the autumn talks.

It is also believed here that Berlin is encouraging Stockholm to do its utmost to mediate in the Finnish conflict.

The Russian terms as reported here are the same as those outlined in the Paris "Soir."

The peace offer confronts the British with the necessity of reviewing the possibility of much more active intervention.

Negotiations In Progress

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Though official confirmation is lacking, reports from a usually reliable source insist that negotiations are progressing for an armistice between Finnish, Swedish, German and Russian delegates.

The preliminary talks for an armistice are believed to have been going on for some days, although the Swedish Foreign Office, which is reported to be acting as the chief mediator, will neither confirm nor deny the reports.

Germany's Part

Germany's part in the negotiations is apparently being played by the Nazi Press Chief, Dr. Dietrich, who flew here for a secret one-day visit.

According to one version, the present negotiations are being conducted on the basis of the Russian demands for the cession of the Karelian Isthmus, Lake Ladoga and the territory to the north, a section of Lapland, including Petsamo, and the port of Hangoe.

Passikivi In Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—It is confirmed that M. Passikivi, who led the Finnish Mission to Moscow in an effort to avert war, has now arrived here.

Rumours that he was in Stockholm to take part in peace negotiations are confirmed.

Official Announcement

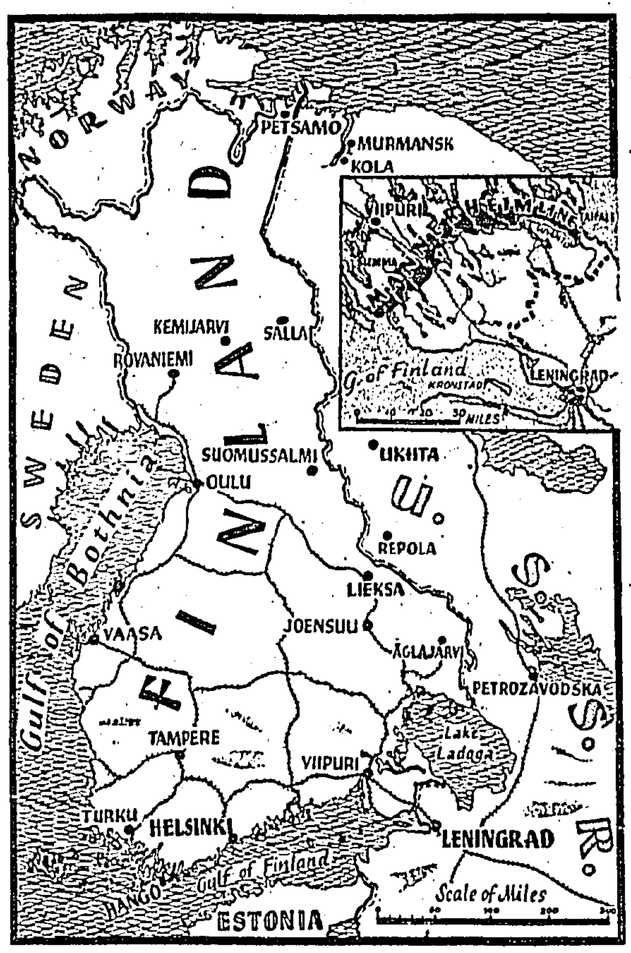
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The radio here has issued an official announcement that the Soviets have presented Finland with new and more far-reaching demands.

Further details were promised to be given later.

Three-Power Mediation

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Rome radio, which reports considerable diplomatic activity in Stockholm and Helsingfors, it is believed that Russia, Sweden and Germany are working in a plan for mediation in the Finnish war.

The delegates of the three countries are expected to be joined by Baron Carl Mannerheim and General Blucher, the commanders of the Finnish and Russian armies respectively, it was added.



RUMANIA TO STAY NEUTRAL

Impressive Speech By King Carol

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Mar. 7 (UP).—Dressed in the olive drab uniform of a General in the Royal Guard, with a great white cloak bearing the Order of Saint Michael exposing his left shoulder, King Carol of Rumania to-day read one of the most impressive speeches before Parliament for the past ten years.

Crown Prince Michael, almost six feet tall, wore the field uniform of a Lieutenant.

Wild Applause

The atmosphere was one of a united wartime Parliament. There was wild applause at every mention of the Army and the country's frontiers and yet, when the King spoke of more friendly relations with Bulgaria, of a united Balkan Entente as well as "the traditional community of spirit" between Rumania and Italy, the applause was almost equally as enthusiastic.

King Carol did not mention names when he stated that Rumania desired friendly relations with all nations.

"My Government has set forces in motion to strengthen relations with our Allies and to develop friendly relations with neighbouring States," he said.

Policy Fully Approved

He made reference to Bulgaria, Hungary and Soviet Russia, all of whom have territorial claims against Rumania which have not yet been renounced. Referring to relations with Bulgaria, he said: "The reception given our Minister of Finance gives us the impression of a deep and sincere relationship."

Referring to King Carol's brief review of Rumania's foreign relations, some foreign diplomats here expressed the opinion at the Crown Council at the Royal Palace last night that the Foreign Minister has received full Royal approval for his policy.

Affirms Neutrality

BUCHAREST, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—King Carol in the new session of Parliament re-affirmed Rumania's intention to follow a policy of neutrality "in her own interests and those of peace."

King Carol added that the rules of neutrality had been and would be followed also in the sphere of Rumania's exports trade.

Rumania's military preparations and strengthening morale in order to guarantee the defence of national patrimony remained the pre-occupation of the entire nation, the King said.

CIGARETTES FOR THE FIGHTERS

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—British and American employees of the Bahrein Petroleum Co. have subscribed for over 112,000 cigarettes for men of the forces through the Overseas Tobacco Fund.

This fund keeps a special eye on the needs of prisoners of war to whom cigarettes are now being sent. It is also learnt that 5,000,000 cigarettes will be sent to mine-sweepers shortly.

SPANISH ENVOY IN HONGKONG

The Spanish Ambassador to Japan, Senor Mendez de Vigo accompanied by his wife arrived in the Colony this morning by an American liner en route to Manila for a vacation.

The Comtesse H. de Tascher, wife of the French commercial attache in Tokyo, arrived in Hongkong to-day by an American liner on her way through Manila on holiday.

Masonic Service At Union Church

THE Right Worshipful District Grand Master and the Office Bearers of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China will attend Divince Service at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, on Sunday next at 6 p.m.

The District Grand Master has requested the support of members of the Lodges in the Hongkong and South China District by their attendance.

Cordial invitations are issued to Members of other Scottish Lodges and Members of other Constitutions to attend the Service.

Masonic Regalia will be worn, and Brethren will robe in the hall adjacent to the Church at 5.45 p.m.

Famous New York Editor Dies

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (UP).—Dr. John Finley, 76, Editor Emeritus of the "New York Times", died here to-day.

Secret Air Estimates Introduced

MASTERY OF SKY BRITAIN'S AIM

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Kingsley Wood, speaking on the Air Estimates, said that for reasons of security the amount of the Estimates would not be disclosed.

Sir Kingsley added: "I can state that our Air Estimates this year are of an unprecedented character and involve by far the greatest efforts and expenditure ever made by this country in any year in relation to our air defences.

"I should like to say that these Estimates represent only part of a further action we are taking and propose to take in conjunction with our Empire overseas and with our Allies.

"Our expenditure and efforts cannot be limited to this year, but they must be continued and intensified until we have achieved our fixed resolve—the establishment of our mastery in the air."

R.A.F. Doing Great Work

Sir Kingsley mentioned that aircraft bomber commands and the British air forces in France had carried out night and day over 1,000 sorties well into German territory.

A fighter in France, a great many of whom are being used in action over the Siegfried Line, had taken off on more than 2,000 times for patrol, pursuit and combat, he said. Our fighters had amply proved their worth.

Already, he said, without a single loss on our side they had brought down some 40 German aircraft round our coasts and we knew that many more enemy planes had been forced down in neutral territory or in the sea.

As an illustration of the R.A.F. progress, Sir Kingsley said that when introducing last year's Estimates he had stated that the total strength of the R.A.F. was approaching 100,000. To-day the strength of one R.A.F. command alone had nearly reached that figure.

Units of the Coastal Command had flown more than 5,000,000 miles since the outbreak of the war. They had sighted submarines on more than 100 occasions and delivered more than 60 attacks. More than 700 convoys had been successfully escorted by aircraft, he said.

Intimate Co-operation

Referring to our co-operation with France, Sir Kingsley said that this was of a most intimate character.

There was a comprehensive scheme of pooling information and the production of problems were studied together, secret equipment was exchanged and new developments shared.

Speaking of flying training organisation overseas, Sir Kingsley said that when in full operation the schools in Canada, Australia and New Zealand would produce 25,000 pilots and 30,000 air crews every year.

Additionally, the South African Government had most helpfully offered to train pilots for the R.A.F. and there would also be air schools in Rhodesia and Kenya.

New Production Plant

Dealing with production, Sir Kingsley said that every month a new plant was coming into operation. Many more factories were coming into production and still more were being built.

Future production, he said, had been planned on a scale which should enable us to attain our objective with something in hand.

Plans for production in the Dominions were beginning to bear fruit and the first aircraft made in Canada had already been flown.

Large additional orders had been placed in America and Canada.

Referring to civil aviation, the Air Minister declared that in conjunction with Australia and New Zealand it had been decided to link up New Zealand with Empire air routes and to start a weekly service across the Tasman Sea in April.

He said he hoped that difficulties preventing a regular service to Lisbon would shortly be overcome.

To safeguard the position of civil aviation after the war a strong civil aviation advisory committee was to be set up.

100% Increase In Strength

Giving an outline of the greatly increased R.A.F. output, Sir Kingsley said it could safely be estimated that the fighting strength of the R.A.F. had increased at least by 100 per cent. during the last 12 months.

In addition, he said, we had been able to give substantial help to friends overseas.

He confidently believed that even on a numerical basis the output of aircraft accruing to Britain and France was to-day in excess of that of Germany.

Sir Kingsley concluded:—"If and when serious attacks are made on this country, considerable damage will be caused but we need not doubt that our people will endure it with the same high courage as other peoples recently have shown.

"Moreover we can be sure that the powerful and efficient air defence organisation which we have built up will take a heavy toll of the enemy and that our bomber force will be both ready and able to hit hard, hit often and to keep on hitting." (Cheers).

Moral Effect On Germans

In closing the debate on Air Estimates in the House of Commons, Sir Kingsley Wood said they had evidence that recent flights over Germany had not been without effect on the morale of Germany.

There was considerable evidence that the leaflets dropped from planes had been read by a very large number of people who were apparently glad to read them, notwithstanding the severe penalties with which they were threatened.

Replying to criticism concerning coastal attacks, Sir Kingsley said that obviously no air defence system could be an impenetrable barrier. If that was a fact regarding general operations it was still more difficult during the night to intercept every hit and run raid in ones and twos on a 700 mile coast-line.

Conditions were worse in winter, he said, and it was to the credit of the air force that they had brought down so many enemy aircraft and driven off many more.

Increasing Efficiency

"Our fighter defence is increasing in efficiency daily. Our airforce and navy are tackling the problem jointly and I believe with much success," he said.

Sir Kingsley gave unqualified assurance that all plans were ready in the event of it being decided that British bomber forces should engage in major operations.

The air force would be only too willing to undertake any commission with which they were entrusted.

There was no holding back as far as they were concerned.

Replying to a question raised about long-range fighters, Sir Kingsley said that there were a number of new and more powerful types of aircraft now in production.

"Certainly I had regard to that," said Sir Kingsley replying to a question whether his earlier comparison between the Allies and Germany had regard to the type and quality of machines.

Estimates Passed

Sir Kingsley was very disappointed that the war had dealt such a great blow to the carefully prepared pre-war plan regarding civil aviation.

"Anxious as I am as regards the position at the end of the war I feel we should put every ounce we can into our military effort," he said.

The Air Force votes were agreed without further discussion.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, business was generally quiet owing to the luncheon by the Stock Exchange Committee to the officers of the Exeter and Ajax.

Gilt-edged securities initially were easy and later rallied. Home rails were stronger.

Industrials were mainly easier but shipping was firm.

Wall Street was firm.

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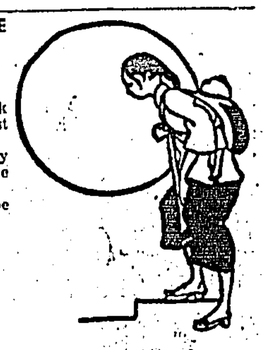

In 1940 to meet the increasing needs of sick and destitute children in Hong Kong, against which the Income to date is $12,000 only. In order to continue its work, the Society appeals for the balance of $23,000 before the close of the financial year on 31st October. A copy of the Annual Report for 1939 may be obtained from:

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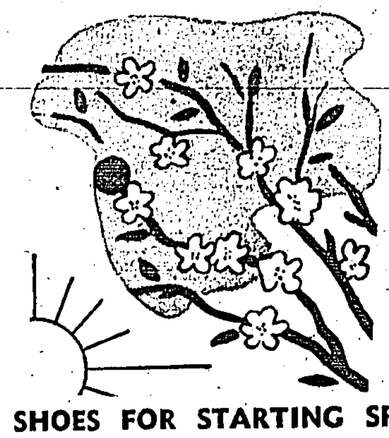

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

PROSPECTS FOR FIRST EXTRA MEET

Events for Non-Winners At Spring Meet: Easy Day for Punters

ALTHOUGH it is officially called the First Extra (saddling bell at the usual 1.30 p.m.), the prelude to a series of six race meetings before the recess is in reality a continuation of the Annual Carnival, for all the events without exception are confined to Australian and China ponies that started at the Spring meeting and did not win.

There are the usual nine events on the card with the inclusion of only four handicap contests and it looks that punters will not have a bad day.

The curtain raiser will be the Hay and Corn Stakes for China ponies, subscription griffins of my season. The scramble over a short distance from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards) is to be ridden by the "red letters" jockeys, who have to carry a penalty of 2 lbs. for each race won in addition to the weights so designated in the programme.

One would hardly expect to find such stalwarts as Celtic Star, Portrush, Rose Evelyn and Salvage Master among the list of nominations.

Rose Evelyn is not a lady for a novice to handle, because the mare does not like the tape, and it is learned that the mount has been entrusted to Mr. G. Treverton. However, with a little luck Rose Evelyn should break the wish-bone and register the first win of the season for Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

Portrush has changed ownership (the new owner being Dr. Lee Shiu-kee), but the record of the fastest times over half mile performed by the pony will remain under the name of the late owner, Mrs. J. H. Taggart, until a new track figure has been established. This chestnut gelding is dangerous, and so is Celtic Star.

LOITERERS STAKES

Twenty-Three Entries For The Sprint

THE Loiterers Stakes for China ponies, bona fide griffins of the season, has attracted no less than 23 entries and the sprint is over six furlongs.

On their recent outings Dupont Bay, Johnber, Possible and White Diamond should be in the limelight, and I figure that Possible will catch the judges' eyes first. A red pencil can be drawn against Xenophon as the big noise maker pulled up lame after a gallop last Saturday.

RANDWICK PLATE

One Mile Event For The Australians

THE Randwick Plate (first section) for Australian subscription ponies of this season should be quite interesting, and the run is over a mile.

My best three are Ascot Day, Princess Claro and Vanity Fair, the last being my fancy, and the mare will be piloted by Mr. Ip Kui-ying, who was the jockey for a second place in the Blue Mountains Plate.

For a long shot I certainly recommend Franklin. Venus Bay is still green at the game, but it is worth remembering that the sire was Double Court.

HONGKONG H'CAP

(First Section)

THERE are 11 China ponies in the first section of the Hongkong Handicap, five being Derby griffins and the balance from the old brigade. All the youngsters of this season have been entered for the second event, and I have good reason to believe that they will not accept the allotment of the lead given by the handicapper.

However, I see that Dupont Bay and Galaxy are on the same level, and should the former weigh out, we are bound to witness a fine tussle over the champion course. For a beating of half length, Galaxy has been asked to concede 5 lbs. to Red Feather, and it looks a tough proposition.

Rob Roy and Humdrum Eve are nicely weighted, but the distance, I am afraid, is beyond their endurance. I like Red Feather.

DAILY DOUBLE

Moonie Ponds Handicap (First Section)

THE first leg of the daily double is on the Moonie Ponds Handicap (first section) for Australian ponies of any season, and the jaunt is over the mile.

Looking over the entries, Criffel strikes me as the best pick of the bunch, and, furthermore, the mare from John Peel's stable is well keyed for the event. I much prefer to see her over six furlongs, but nevertheless Criffel has a pull of 9 lbs. against Tornado Star, who heads the handicap, and we have to consider the adjustment of the poundage.

Cockleroi is another contender which must not be despised. Devonian let the public down very badly in the Adelaide Handicap, but the bay has been kindly treated for to-morrow's run. Should he be able to reproduce his form when he was third in the Melbourne Cup, Devonian should register his first win for Lady Northcote.

HONGKONG H'CAP

(Second Section)

IT was true that the judges could not separate Expansion Time (Mr. P. Wei) and Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao) for a second place in Ichang Handicap run at the Annual Carnival, and it is learned that both racers with the same two jockeys will weigh out to-morrow for the Hongkong Handicap (second section) over 1¼ miles.

Over a longer distance Expansion Time should turn the tables on Potentate, with Blue Diamond following behind. Jober is not bad for big money, but Gladiator, Just In Time, Rose Jane and Taxing Master are trying to win out of their distance.

RANDWICK PLATE

(Second Section)

ALBURY belonging to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen should not have any difficulty in crossing the bar first in the Randwick Plate (second section) for Australian ponies of this season, and, incidentally, this event is the second leg of the daily double.

Sea Jay and Spring Shine are my next two to fill the minor positions. Warrego River finished fourth be-

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VANISHING RACE PONIES?

Rose Elect and Desert Chief, two of the most prominent China ponies at happy Valley last year. They are here being led in by Mrs. Eu Tong-sen after the Champions race at the 1939 annual meeting.

Gonsalves & Remedios Enter Second Round Of Open Doubles

(By "Tinker")

THERE WAS MUCH to interest spectators at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday when further matches in the Colony Open tennis championships were played. Four singles and one doubles, the scheduled programme, were decided. The most interesting was the doubles encounter, wherein A. V. Remedios and J. J. Gonsalves eliminated Ng Kam-chuen and Tsoi Ping-fan by 8-10, 6-4, 6-1.

The singles results were:

Tsui Wai-pui beat I. Agafuroff, 6-2, 6-4.

H. D. Rumjahn beat Firdos Khan, 6-1, 6-1.

S. A. Rumjahn beat B. C. Fay, 6-1, 6-4.

Tennie Kwok beat I. M. A. Razack, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5.

CLUB SINGLES

R. G. Belsel, jr., beat J. L. C. Pearce, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

C. H. R. Hyde beat J. T. Gould 5-7, 6-1, 10-8.

S. M. Garrard beat T. A. Pearce, 6-8, 6-4, 6-4.

It was in the doubles match that the necessity of linesmen in these faster games was emphasised. There could be no blame attached to the umpire, for the light was none too good, and all four players were hard hitters. I particularly followed the effect of a wrong decision in the fifth game of the first set, when Remedios and Gonsalves were leading 3-2 and 15-40 on their opponents' service. A ball dropped just outside the Receio pair's baseline and raised a puff of dust. Mistakenly, the umpire thought it had been a line ball, and gave the point to the Chinese. They went on to win the game, making the score 3-3 instead of it being 4-2.

The Chinese won the seventh game, making the score 4-3 in their favour, instead of it being the other way round. The eighth and ninth games were won by Remedios and Gonsalves, giving them the lead at 5-4. Had they won the sixth game, the ninth game would have given them the first set at 6-3.

LONG STRUGGLE

AS it was the first set developed into a gruelling struggle which only ended after 18 games had been played, and ended against the Portuguese pair.

Ng and Tsoi were seen at their best in the opening set, and though many of their points were given them by their opponents through sheer carelessness, there was nothing among the other three that could equal Ng's forehand drive. It was, however, his only real stroke, and even that failed towards the end.

Remedios was the steadiest throughout. Over-anxiousness to place the ball carefully when at the net cost the Portuguese quite a number of points. Not having their whole attention on the ball, they hit too early and sent the ball into the net.

Gonsalves, though rather weak over-head, recovered the swing of his service in the second and third sets, and with the exercise of extra care with his ground shots was a most helpful partner.

After winning the first set, the Chinese pair never had the lead again. There was always a one-game difference between the score in the second set, while in the third they were definitely out-played.

FAY IN ACTION

B. C. FAY in action was quite a delight. He has a free and easy style, if not very accurate, and is possessed of a really powerful service. Sirdar Rumjahn's steadiness and retrieving power stood him in good stead when Fay's first cannonball service went over the net.

In the second set, when Fay applied a little more caution, the rallies were fairly long and interesting. But they invariably ended, not with winners, but with mistakes.

Tsui Wai-pui, the champion, though he conceded six games in the two sets against I. Agafuroff, was never seriously extended.

To-day's Matches

The following is the programme for to-day:

OPEN SINGLES

Lam Kwan v. J. W. Leonard
A. Crawford v. Ip Koon-hung
P. S. Leong v. S. A. Gray
Paul Kong v. J. S. Theobald
Wei Chung v. M. Pagh
W. C. Hung v. T. C. Chan

OPEN DOUBLES

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. S. A. Hussain and O. Rumjahn.

CLUB SINGLES

C. B. Nicholson v. G. W. Sewell

Are China Ponies To Disappear Altogether?

THE DECISION of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club to section all the Australian ponies into four classes instead of three after the First Extra Race Meeting, which will be staged to-morrow, has not taken us by surprise, because we fully expected the move so as to have a leg for 1941 meetings.

Quite recently a preliminary notice was circulated to members to the following effect that in view of the uncertainty of obtaining China pony subscription griffins, and the difficulty of acquiring China pony griffins *at reasonable prices*, the Stewards signified their intention of importing fifty Australian ponies *of a superior class* to the present subscription class.

This new class will be in addition to the Australian subscription griffins, which will be increased to a list of one hundred ponies. The cost of the new class will be approximately $1,450, and members will have to buy the ponies at an auction to be held under the auspices of the Race Club. Further details and regulations relating to this new class et cetera will be announced later.

SAFE ASSUMPTION

In the light of above one can safely assume that the so-called "China ponies" will, in a couple of years or more, go off the stage, and Happy Valley will be the living land of our "dumb friends" from the Antipodes.

However, it will be seen that apart from the fifty cobs comprising the new class, the list of Australian subscription griffins is limited to one hundred gee-gees against this season's bunch of 61 ponies, and, therefore, it stands to reason for one to predict that seventy-five per cent. of the programme for next year's Annual Carnival will be confined to Australian ponies. It will not surprise me in the least to see the Hongkong Derby be confined to the new class of Australian ponies and furthermore it will not be long to have an "E" class.

It will be recalled that for two years (1938 and 1939) in succession the late delivery of China ponies sub-class caused much anxiety not only to the Stewards but the owners as well, and the 1940 meet saw the elimination of that familiar racing phrase, "For China ponies, subscription griffins of this Club of this meeting."

DEALERS' EXCUSE

The exclusion of these sub-events was forced upon the Club on account of the non-delivery of the steeds subscribed by members, and the Russian dealer's excuse was that he could not obtain an export permit from the Japanese Government owing to political hostilities up north. Apparently he must have used to his advantage the "Force Majeure" clause, but other sly Russian merchants were able to smuggle out quite a lot of China ponies, and the Hongkong Jockey Club informed its members that 62 Derby griffins entered for the annual big meeting.

I am not out to start a controversy, but there is a wide gulf of moral rectitude between the dealers of Australian and China ponies. The Commonwealth suppliers lived up to their contract, and all the shipments arrived here on time as stipulated by the Club, which naturally gave the trainers many months to prepare the ponies for the Spring meeting and the subsequent Saturday's afternoon sports.

Apart from the exorbitant prices for China ponies, the Russian dealers never think twice before affixing their signatures to any guarantee, with the result that many owners have been caught with "scrap of paper" promises, and some are now in fool's paradise waiting for replaced Derby griffins. It will serve no purpose to enumerate a list of the "unfortunate" owners, but under this category a few Stewards are included. We leave the matter here.

WINDSOR LAD GOES TO STUD

WINDSOR LAD, winner of the Derby in 1934, is now owned by the Sun Insurance Company and a group of Lloyd's underwriters.

After his Derby victory the horse was bought by Mr. M. H. Benson for £50,000 from the Maharaja of Rajpipla.

The present change of ownership has resulted from an arbitration following an operation performed on the horse by Prof. O'Connor, the Dublin veterinary surgeon.

INSURED FOR £45,000

Windsor Lad was withdrawn from stud last year suffering from an infection of the frontal sinus. Mr. Benson wanted to have the horse destroyed, but as he was insured for £45,000, the insurance company sought their own veterinary opinion. The operation followed.

Mr. Benson, however, did not consider that the horse could resume stud duties. After arbitration, he agreed to accept a sum, stated to be £27,000, and another £14,000 to cover his expenses in Windsor Lad's illness.

The horse is to stand at Burntwood Stud, near Winchester, under the management of Capt. D. P. Nicoll. The stud fee will be made public shortly.

COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

P. H. WONG AND C. AU ENTER SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

Next Week's Schedule Amended

TWO MATCHES in the senior badminton singles championship of the Colony were played off at King's College last night, P. H. Wong and C. Au entering the semi-finals at the expense of C. K. Cheah and D. Kwok respectively. Only one of the two junior games at Taikoo was played.

The results were:

P. H. Wong beat C. K. Cheah 15-2, 15-0.

C. Au beat D. Kwok 15-4, 15-9.

JUNIOR SINGLES

W. Gillies beat F. Tsang 17-16, 15-5.

P. H. Wong was never fully extended by Cheah, who was nervous and erratic in the opening set, but who improved in the second.

Au had an easy win his first set against Kwok, but in the second, though leading 9-2, was forced to exert himself when his opponent drew level at 9-9.

Keen Shooting At Kowloon City Ranges

A LARGE CROWD of 124 enthusiasts were present at Wednesday's spoon and practice shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association at the Kowloon City Ranges. The weather was good, although the light deteriorated towards the end.

Mr. W. A. Tansley was again successful in the revolver shoot at 10 and 15 yards, securing 56 points out of a possible 60.

On Wednesday, March 13, firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards and will commence at 1.45 p.m.

Leading scores on Wednesday were as follows:

Aperture Sights

	H'cap.	300 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
Sgt. R. J. Heap Scr.	....	33	32	33	98n
F/Sgt. F. Tollison 1	....	30	34	32	96
Mr. W. Trenouth Scr.	....	31	34	31	96
Mr. A. F. Evans 1	....	32	33	31	96
A.S.P. (R) D. Lole Scr.	..	33	34	29	96
Mr. A. L. Warburton 3	..	30	34	31	95h
Lt. A. J. Le Seelleur Scr.		31	34	30	95
Mr. J. A. Guard Scr.	....	32	31	31	94
Mr. H. G. Foreman 2	....	33	30	31	94
C/Sgt. P. Hale Scr.	....	32	33	29	94
Sgt. (R) P. H. Thong Scr.	.	30	32	31	93
P.S., (R) K. C. Hoo 1	....	33	29	31	93
P. S. Chanchal singh 1	..	29	34	30	93
L/Sgt. W. Henderson 3	....	30	33	30	93h
L/Sgt. Puran Singh Scr.	.	32	33	29	93
Cpl. V. W. Cooper Scr.	..	29	31	32	92
F/O. J. Farmer 6	.....	28	30	33	91h
S.L., (R) C. C. Chau Scr.	.	29	31	31	91
Cpl. S. G. Brighty Scr.	..	30	30	31	91
R.S.M. F. Maslen 2	.....	26	29	35	90b
Capt. F. Sale 3	.....	27	31	32	90
Sgt. E. C. Bremner 5	....	27	31	32	90
B/M. W. Kifford Scr.	....	31	31	27	89
Sgt. (R) K. C. Wong 3	..	29	31	29	89
Major S. White 2	.....	31	31	26	88
S.L., (R) A. C. Chan 2	....	32	33	23	88
Mr. C. A. Hyett 7	.....	24	28	29	89

Open Sights

Cpl. R. Langford Scr.	....	29	30	31	89n
Sgt. M. F. Rushman Scr.	..	32	29	26	87
L/Sgt. (R) O. T. Leong 6	.	32	30	25	87
Sgt. R. Green 6	.....	29	28	29	86h
Cpl. T. Wood 6	.....	30	27	26	83
Cpl. V. M. Hammond 1	....	29	31	21	81
C.S.M., J. C. E. Mead 3	..	30	28	24	80
Cpl. Naranjan Singh 6	..	26	27	26	79
Lt. C. E. Otway Nil	.....	28	29	21	78
Mr. G. H. R. Fox 14	....	23	27	27	77h
Mr. C. A. Dunk 8	.....	25	25	27	77
Cpl. G. S Lechrie Nil	....	24	29	22	75
Lt. K. I. M. Buchanan Nil	.	26	23	25	74
Sgt. G. E. Breese 6	.....	23	32	19	74
P. C. Narain Singh 6	....	20	26	27	73
P.S., (R) C. Wong 9	....	23	24	26	73
A.C., W. H. Golder 11	....	25	23	25	73h
Cpl. J. E. Hawkins 7	....	24	29	20	73
Mr. H. A. Evans 10	.....	24	23	21	70

(n) winner of nett spoon. (h) winner of handicap spoon; (b) winner of possible button; winner of (n) or (h) will have his handicap reduced by one point.

Army And C.S.C.C. Cricket Teams

The following will represent Army in their Junior League cricket fixture with Civil Service Cricket Club, at Happy Valley, on Saturday.—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (Captain), Brigadier T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer, Lieut. A. W. F. Peal, Lieut. B. A. Fargus, S/Cndr. Gardner, Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Boocock, Pte. Emmerson, Pte. Hatfield, Gnr. Barsby.

CIVIL SERVICE TEAM

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI against the Army on Saturday.—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, E. W. Hamilton, P. D. Crawley, K. J. Attwell, V. C. Bond, T. L. Lockhart, G. P. Stone, H. F. Harper, A. F. Sheppard and J. F. MacGowan.

Next Week's Matches

THERE HAS BEEN a slight mix-up in the men's doubles matches. The fixtures contained in the following list are correct:

Tuesday, Mar. 12

OPEN DOUBLES

J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho v. H. Eardley and N. L. Smith (King's College, 8 p.m.).

C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin v. F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok (King's College, 8.45 p.m.).

K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung (Taikoo, 9 p.m.).

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lai v. F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Taikoo, 8.30 p.m.).

Thursday, Mar. 14

SENIOR SINGLES

K. L. Yong v. H. F. Chew (King's College, 8 p.m.).

H. Eardley v. P. S. Bun (King's College, 9 p.m.).

MIXED DOUBLES

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva v. T. T. Chin and Miss M. Ding (King's College, 8.30 p.m.).

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro v. P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung (Taikoo, 8.30 p.m.).

GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAM CHOSEN

Hongkong F.A. To Meet Chinese Federation

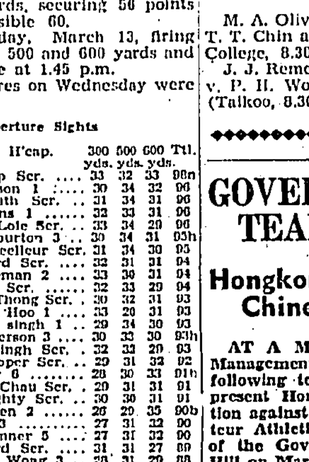
AT A MEETING of the League Management Committee yesterday the following team was selected to represent Hongkong Football Association against Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the final of the Governor's Cup at Caroline Hill on March 17 at 4 p.m.:—

Robinson (Navy); Blackburn (Police), O'Regan (Navy); Bright (Middlesex), Williamson (Kowloon), Wilkinson (Middlesex); Hossack (Royal Scots), Fox (R.E.), F. Fowler (Club), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Bickford (Club).

Reserves.—Sheehan (Middlesex), full-back; Forrow (Club) and Guy (R.A.), half-backs; B. Gosano (St. Joseph's), W. G. Pryde (Club) and Thomas (Middlesex), forwards.

Players Suspended

At an Emergency Committee meeting H. Millington and Ho Yau-kee, Club and Kitchee, respectively, who were given marching orders during their second division match on February 10, were suspended until December 31.



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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 9th March, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

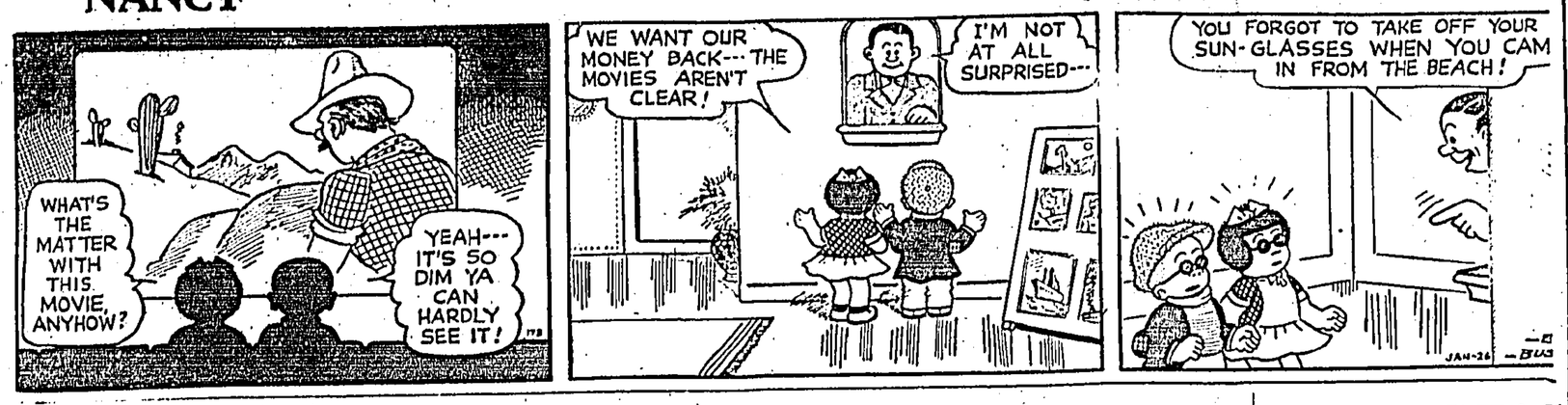
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



HONGKONG ROAD TOLL

Six Killed, 21 Injured In One Week

Six people were killed in road accidents in the Colony during the week ending March 2, according to official figures released by the traffic department.

Twenty-one other people were injured, and altogether there were 81 traffic accidents during the seven days.

The fatalities included an 8-year-old Chinese boy and an unknown adult who were knocked down and killed by private cars, while a 7-year-old boy was killed by a motor bus. In all cases the victims were crossing the carriage-way at the time of the accidents.

A Chinese male aged 25 and a Chinese woman aged 40 died from injuries received while jumping off a moving tram and a motor bus respectively.

Pillion Rider Killed

A 28-year-old Chinese was killed falling off a bicycle on which he was riding pillion.

The 28 injured included 13 pedestrians struck by vehicles, while a bicycle rider and pillion rider were hurt when their vehicle ran into a wall.

Two bus passengers and two tram passengers were injured through alighting from the vehicles while they were in motion, and a bus passenger was hurt when trying to mount a moving bus.

Of the 81 accidents, 36 were collisions between vehicles, 30 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians and 15 were the outcome of other causes.

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

The following starting times have been arranged by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club for the week-end:

Saturday

OLD COURSE

2.04 A. V. Greaves, J. H. Mackie.
2.08 A. B. Purver, K. S. Morrison.
2.12 R. B. Mace, R. M. M. King.
2.16 R. Young, A. N. Other.
2.20 H. Sanger, J. W. Mayhew.
2.24 N. K. Littlejohn, A. McKellar.
2.28 Capt. Giles, Lt. Cdr. Melrose.
2.40 J. A. D. Morrison, D. H. Blake.

Sunday

OLD COURSE

9.16 A. C. I. Bowker, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.20 A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
9.24 T. E. Pearce, E. T. McMullen.
9.28 D. Humphreys, G. C. Worrall.
9.32 J. A. D. & K. S. Morrison.
9.36 M. G. Carruthers, R. C. Gardiner.
9.40 A. Sommerfelt, B. D. Evans.
9.44 W. W. C. Shewan, A. B. Purves.
9.48 G. Thomerson, J. Linaker.
9.52 J. L. C. Pearce, D. I. Bosanquet.
9.56 H. F. Sommers, D. D. Forbes.
10.00 A. N. & G. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.04 D. Lyon, H. Piercy.
10.08 A. V. Greaves, G. V. Griffiths.
10.12 R. J. K. Walker, E. C. Norris.
10.16 J. M. Pearson, J. W. Mayhew.
10.20 A. Mabb, L. Goldman.
10.24 R. P. Morris, W. J. Richards.
10.28 C. C. Black, E. G. Price.
10.32 H. W. Dulley, E. Davidson.
10.36 L. R. Andrews, Comdr. Hole.
10.40 J. Redman, M. S. Banner.
10.44 J. B. Harrison, S. L. Lloyd.
10.48 J. B. Mackie, F. A. Redmond.
10.52 H. J. D. Lowe, H. A. Mills.
10.56 P. E. Annis, W. J. Kelly.
11.00 J. W. Clague, H. M. Rowland.
11.04 Col. Simpson, W/Cdr Steele Perkins.
11.08 Major Mackenzie, J. C. Taylor.
11.12 E. W. J. Wedlock, A. G. James.

NEW COURSE

9.24 Miss Cuthbertson, J. G. Jenson.
9.32 Lt. Carter, Capt. Thursby.
10.00 Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
10.04 Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Piercy.
10.12 Surg. Cdr. Cleave, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
10.20 T. A. Pearce, F. D. Hunter.
11.12 Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.

MANNERHEIM THREATENS RESIGNATION IF MORE AID NOT FORTHCOMING

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pressure to bear on Finland to refuse to negotiate for peace.

The Allies are alleged to have told Finland to continue fighting until help, which is shortly forthcoming in greater abundance, arrives.

The same source states that increasing pressure has been brought to bear on Sweden to permit passage of British and French troops through her territory.

A "United Press" message from Paris quotes an authorised statement disclosing that French aid to Finland already totals 175 airplanes, 793,000 shells, 5,000 rifles, 400 mines, 209,000 hand grenades and 20 million cartridges.

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Cotton Industry Bill has passed both Houses.

ALLIES MAY MAKE OPEN MOVE AGAINST RUSSIA

Will Present Strategical Factors To Mr. Welles

By WALLACE CARROLL
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, Mar. 7, (UP).—The Russo-Finnish war is expected to be among the topics which Mr. Sumner Welles will discuss with the British Government.

Proponents of British aid for Finland see practical advantages in aiding the Finns because the prolongation of the Soviet-Finnish conflict would prevent M. Stalin from giving much material support to Germany.

Move Against Reds Mooted

This strategic consideration has caused much discussion in the British press and political circles during recent weeks regarding the advisibility for a more or less open Allied move against Russia, with the double aim of saving Finland and obliging the Soviets to use oil, iron, wheat and other commodities which might otherwise go to Germany.

However, the firm refusal of Norway and Sweden to permit foreign military units to cross their territories has made such a move impracticable in north Europe. It is understood that Norway refused to allow more than 100 volunteers per day to cross her territory

Recent British press reports from Finland emphasized that the Finns are disappointed in the amount of aid they are receiving from the Allies and other Powers.

Finns Desperate.

Although Allied sources say they are sending all the war material possible under the circumstances, some quarters believe the Finns may have begun to feel that they cannot continue the struggle much longer and had better take what terms they can get now.

If a Russo-Finnish agreement is reached there is a possibility of complications and the so-called way around the Siegfried Line via Finland will be eliminated.

This would naturally affect the Allied strategy in their war with Germany which Mr. Welles will have to consider when he sums up his views for President Roosevelt.

Welles In Paris

PARIS, Mar. 7 (UP).—Mr. Sumner Welles, who was scheduled to confer for one hour, spent nearly two hours with M. Daladier to-day after having talked for over an hour with President Lebrun.

"You can say I am entirely satisfied with the conversation," was M. Daladier's comment to the press.

It has been learned that President Lebrun stressed that Germany knew the invasion of Poland would cause war, hence peace is impossible until Poland and Czecho-Slovakia are liberated.

Meanwhile the United States Ambassador to the Polish Government has arranged for Mr. Welles to meet General Sikorsky and Count Zulewski on Saturday when he will receive an advance copy of the Polish White Book.

Four Points Raised

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Domei).—Mr. Sumner Welles, the United States Under-Secretary of State, who started from Lausanne early this morning arrived at Paris at 9.55.

The Paris Bureau of the Associated Press points out that during his interviews with French leaders, Mr. Welles will raise the following questions:

1. **The war between Germany and the Allies.**
2. **The Soviet-Finnish war.**
3. **The neutrality declaration by American nations.**
4. **Post-war reconstruction and disarmament.**

On Friday, Mr. Welles will meet M. Jules Jeanenney, President of the Senate, M. Edouard Herriot, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, M. Camille Chautemps, Vice-President of the Council, and M. George Bonnet, the Minister of Justice.

On Saturday, Mr. Welles will see General Wladyslaw Sikorski, Polish Premier, and M. August Zaleski, Polish Foreign Minister.

R.A.F. CARRIES OUT GREATEST SURVEY FLIGHT OF THE WAR

FROM PAGE ONE

"They dived and zoomed around each other, and I felt sure one of them was going to hit the sea at any minute.

"They were having a hell of a scrap.

"Eventually, the Jerry got the wind up and found refuge in the clouds.

"When he disappeared, our chaps were still right on his tail, letting him have all they got.

"That was the end of that fight.

Two Chase Three

"A few minutes later another three Jerries appeared.

"They were being chased by two Spitfires, which were running rings around them.

"Our chaps, who were hanging on the Jerries despite the fact that they were outnumbered, were soon reinforced by another three Spitfires, making five against three.

"The whole eight planes—three Jerries and five Spitfires—disappeared out to sea at a terrific speed.

"We were still standing on the promenade excitedly discussing the fights when another three Spitfires roared overhead. They flew over the town and out to sea, apparently to reinforce our chaps who were attacking the Jerries."

Dog-Fight Five Miles Above The Earth

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—One of the most spectacular air battles of the war was fought out of sight of spectators on the earth below to-day, when Britain's 362 m.p.h. Spitfires engaged a Nazi plane in the sub-stratosphere five miles above Scotland.

The Spitfires went up to engage the enemy—a Heinkel bomber—after it had been reported over Aberdeenshire.

The enemy flew at a great height in order to avoid 4.7 anti-aircraft guns which went into action immediately it was sighted.

The A.A. guns ceased firing as soon as the Spitfires appeared.

One of the Spitfires which was piloted by a Dominion air ace got in a burst of machine-gun fire which crippled the enemy.

It went into a tail spin from which the German pilot skilfully brought it out just before he reached the sea.

The Heinkel, out of action, landed on the sea.

The R.A.F. machines then circled around until the enemy plane sank below the surface.

Thrilling Incidents

This was only one of several thrilling incidents along the entire coast to-day as Nazi planes continued their operations against shipping.

The small coastal steamer Shrosedene (376 tons) was the target of no less than twelve bombs off the east coast. Not one hit was scored and, although the ship was subsequently machine-gunned, it made port without casualties.

R.A.F. Successes

Last night's reconnaissance flights by the R.A.F., it is revealed, was one of the most extensive series since the beginning of the war.

The planes flew a total of 10,000 miles covering Bremen, Hanover, Hamburg, Wilhemshaven and Cuxhaven.

Dog Fight Off East Coast

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—British figures engaged two German planes off the east coast of England this evening.

Onlookers saw a raider almost collide with a British fighter before climbing into the clouds where a dog fight followed.

A second raider then appeared with two British planes in close pursuit.

Three other British planes also arrived on the scene and the raiders were driven out to sea with the fighters chasing them.

It is learned that the plane shot down earlier to-day was a Heinkel and was shot down by Spitfires from a height of more than five miles above the sea east of Aberdeen.

The Spitfires—one pilot is a New Zealander—attacked in turns as the enemy dived.

The Heinkel, out of action, landed on the water The Spitfires circled about for five minutes until the enemy machine sank.

Attack On Shipping

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Six explosions were heard off the south-east about 8 p.m. followed by the rattle of machine-gun fire.

It was reported that a German plane dropped bombs near shipping.

There were no hits or casualties. The bombs fell in pairs and exploded on striking the water.

CUNARDER'S DRAMATIC VOYAGE

FROM PAGE ONE

The Queen Elizabeth carried no identification mark, but after an airliner circled over her twice, the Red Ensign was broken out from the stern.

Business-like grey paint and the absence of passengers lining the rails made the giant vessel's arrival a strange contrast to the arrival of the Queen Mary.

"Great Dirty Grey Whale"

Airmen who sighted her described her as looking like "a great dirty grey whale."

Five hundred police and detectives have been drafted to the pier prepared for her arrival. Crowds of New Yorkers streamed to the waterside to welcome her.

It is authoritatively stated that the Queen Elizabeth sailed across the Atlantic to make room for other ships in England as every berth is needed for the ceaseless stream of shipping entering British ports.

Why Liner Was Moved

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The reasons for moving the Queen Elizabeth were explained in a statement issued by the Cunard White Star Company.

The statement says only twice a year, when the tides are unusually high, is there sufficient depth of water to navigate a ship of her size to the open sea.

Such a tide occurred in the latter part of February, and the Queen Elizabeth sailed at that time.

In view of the circumstances, it was decided that she should proceed to America. This she did under the command of Captain J. C. Townley after an uneventful voyage at moderate speed.

The internal accommodation of the Queen Elizabeth is not completed.

No plans are made for the vessel except to tie her up at a pier along with the arrangements for all other ships of the Company stopping at an American port.

Typical N.Y. Welcome

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Queen Elizabeth passed the battery place at the entrance of the Hudson River at 8.41 p.m. G.M.T.

As the liner appeared, like a ghost ship, sirens from a myriad of small craft shrieked a welcome and downtown in New York, skyscrapers launched a shower of ticker-tape and torn papers.

The liner's own deep-toned sirens boomed an acknowledgment of the welcome.

Several planes soared above the liner, while harbour craft of all sorts circled around, admiring her lines.

After a ceremonial reception by the President of the New York City Council, Captain Townley of the Queen Elizabeth, told reporters that no submarines had been seen on the voyage and the convoy was dropped after one day out.

SURRENDER OF HANGOE DEMANDED

FROM PAGE ONE

This would give her absolute control of the Gulf of Finland.

"Hangoe would be just an opening wedge," I was told.

"With Hangoe ceded, there would be other and more far-reaching demands in six months' time.

Finland, official statements emphasise, would welcome an honourable peace.

But the term "honourable peace' does not, at the present stage of the proceedings, include the surrender of what Finland considers her vital rights.

Real Peace Wanted

The simple fact is that, regardless of certain feelers put out by one quarter or another, there has been much more talk of peace and mediation outside Finland than in Helsingfors itself.

Nobody here denies that a real, workable peace would be eagerly welcomed. But there is not the slightest evidence that any responsible Finn wants to stop the war at all costs.

The loss of Viborg, even the folding of the eastern end of the Mannerheim Line, would not mean the end of the war or of Finnish resistance.

There is still strength for many campaigns left in the Finnish Army, regardless of what developments the next few days may bring.

The average Finn would rather die defending his country than buckle under to the invader.

Finnish Appreciation

HELSINGFORS, Mar 7 (Reuter).—Finnish newspapers welcome the recent broadcast speech by Colonel Kermit Roosevelt who as head of the British volunteers for Finland took the Volunteer's oath in London yesterday in the presence of the Finnish Minister to London.

Calling the British volunteer warriors of humanity, one leading newspaper here contrasts this practical help with the mere expressions of sympathy, and says that the British have shown an understanding of what is really at stake.

Finns Will Fight On

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (UP).—It has been indicated by unofficial quarters that the Finns are prepared to carry on the fight and will not make any territorial concessions, particularly with regard to the Hango Peninsula.

FRANCE'S WAR AIMS

Three-Point Programme Is Revealed

Paris, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—According to authoritative circles, France's war aims, as told to Mr. Sumner Welles, are:

(1) Restoration of the independence and territorial integrity of Poland, Austria and Czecho-Slovakia;

(2) Any peace must contain material and positive guarantees against further German aggression;

(3) France does not want a patched-up peace which leaves Europe at the mercy of another German threat in the near future.

France herself has no desire to dominate Europe and Germany must show that she has abandoned all such intentions.

PROSPECTS FOR FIRST EXTRA

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hind Albury in the Blue Mountains Plate, and with Mr. D. Black in the saddle the combination is worth $5 each way.

If Busylight does not act the goat in the back stretch, the chestnut mare by Black Adder may be trusted with a spare five dollar bill for a place. Personally, I do not like the name of the sire.

ALL OUT STAKES

Boolat Bay's Prospects Appear Rosy

BOOLAT Bay owned by Mr. S. W. Lee has been knocking at the door for a long while, and his prospects of coming home first in the penultimate event, the All Out Stakes, for "C" class China ponies are rosy.

It will be recalled that the pony was ridden by the owner to victory in the West River Handicap on June 10, but as Mr. Lee could not steer a straight course, Boolat Bay was disqualified for boring. The steed finished the season without scoring a win.

At the February meeting, Mr. Lee's candidate succumbed to Tampa Bay by a short head for the first prize in the Curragh Handicap and the same margin separated him and National Pride for the first position in the Soochow Handicap. What was the matter? As the All Out Stakes is an open event, Boolat Bay is in my estimation a dead certainty, and he should be followed by Rose-Queen and Laughing Girl.

MOONIE PONDS HANDICAP

(Second Section)

A ROARING Time has cost the public a good sum of money, but with due respect to that astute jockey Mr. Peter Wei, I would much prefer to see Mr. Needa in the saddle. He has a golden gift of patience with moody animals, and last year he had two wins on the stinker.

A Roaring Time is well in on the handicap for the last event, the Moonie Ponds Handicap (second section), and he should be one of the favourites. Happy Landings is looking well, but I have not seen Pumpernickel after the Ladies Purse. Rising Star is the one to follow up.

BOMBAY, Mar. 7 (UP).—The remainder of the textile workers have walked out on strike. Railway workers are threatening to join them.

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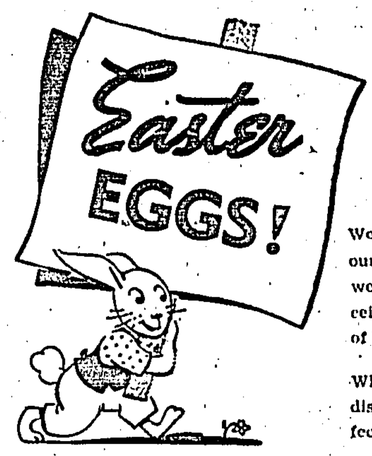

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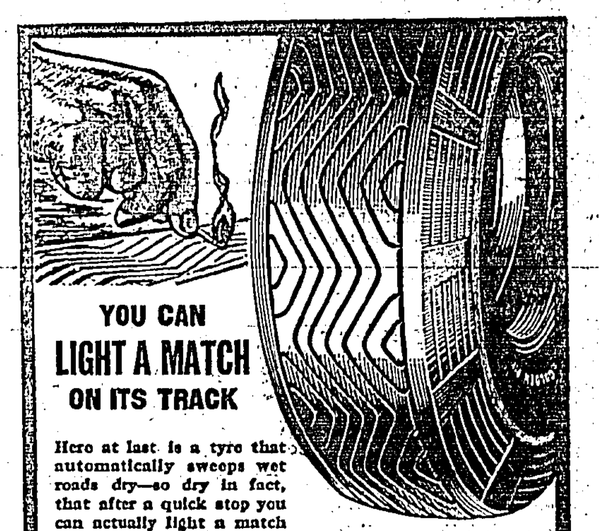

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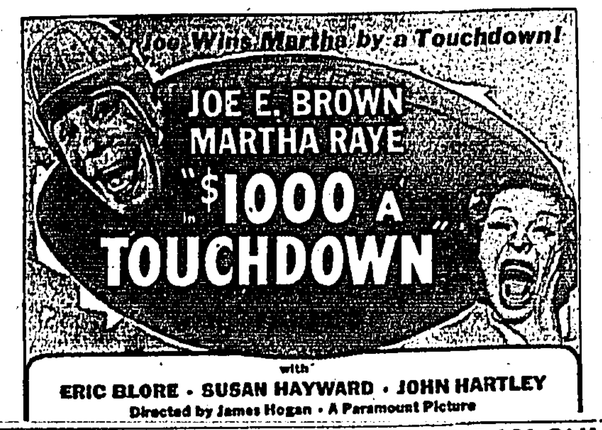

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LATE NEWS

FINNISH OFFER INSUFFICIENT

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—Interruption of Sweden's international telephone system at the command of the authorities, coupled with many reports of impending important developments in Finland, give rise to wide speculation as to the possibilities of an armistice.

The known facts are as follows:

1.—Finland's aged ex-President, M. Svinhufvud, has arrived in Stockholm;

2.—M. Paasikivi is already in Stockholm;

3.—Discussions concerning the possibility of achieving peace have been going on for some days, though Swedish officials have not confirmed that Sweden is acting as a "broker" in the negotiations.

The original belief was that the Finns, in order to save further loss of life, might offer to give the Russians virtually all they had asked for before the war with the possible exception of Hangoe.

This offer, if made, was apparently insufficient.

To-day's Russian terms are reported to include some or all of the following concessions:

1.—Cession of Petsamo with the British-owned nickel mines and all fishery rights in the Arctic;

2.—Demolition of all coastal batteries by the Finns;

3.—Cession of Viborg and possible the entire Finnish shores of Lake Ladoga, including Sortavala.

In return, it is reported that the Russians might be prepared to relinquish their claims to Hangoe.

Swedish circles deny that any pressure is being applied by Sweden to the Finnish Government to accept these terms.

Inaccurate Report

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—The official explanation of the decision to cut off telephonic communication overseas for the Press is that a journalist (not a British representative) sent an inaccurate report yesterday.

CONSTERNATION IN FINLAND

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 8 (Reuter)—A feeling of consternation has been the unofficial reaction among the Finns to the reported Russian peace terms.

Surprise is also expressed that Sweden could be persuaded to accept the role of intermediary on such alleged terms, which reached Finland from Stockholm in the form of New York press reports.

The Government has issued a statement which adds that details of these Russian demands are so far lacking.

There has been much discussion in diplomatic circles regarding the reports. It is pointed out on one hand that the Finnish Government takes note of Sweden's mediation and on the other has immediately given it to be understood that Finnish public opinion could not comprehend that negotiations should be based on such demands.

Public opinion here regards the lack of success of Russian efforts over three months of war as being very far from justifying concessions incompatible with the country's independence.

New Anti-Mine Device

NEW YORK, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—Captain Townley has denied that the Queen Elizabeth is fitted with guns. He said that American submarines had been sighted during the crossing and confirms that the liner is fitted with the new Gauss device for nullifying magnetic mines.

The crew of the Queen Elizabeth numbers 378.

REFUGEES CROSS THE BORDER

The "Telegraph" learns from reliable sources that a considerable influx of refugees commenced on the border from Shum Chun this morning.

The military authorities have no information at this stage. Sheung Shui Police Station reported that a number of refugees were seen, but no additional information is obtainable from this quarter.

Lokmauchau also reports a trickle of refugees.

There are no sign of Japanese troops anywhere along the border area.

World Press Comment

Features Of European Conflict Reviewed

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Cairo paper, "Albalagh," after explaining the British attitude on Italian coal imports, says: "It is very typical of the Germans to try and exploit the incident, saying that the British action is illegal, but really it causes laughter to hear the Germans, who have violated every law, say that this is legal and that illegal."

The paper says that the dispute should be amicably settled.

The "Almokattam," referring to Mr. Sumner Welles, declares that peace is impossible now. Europe and the whole world must first be saved from a wicked and noxious element, the like of which the world has not suffered in many generations and which, if allowed to spread, will endanger all humanity and put back humanity hundreds of years. Therefore, neither America and other nations enjoying liberty and independence and possessing pride and honour will agree that sword will be the ruler of the world or that brute force will be the judge of mankind.

Nazis Besieged

The "Washington Star" says: "Instead of facing a Britain and France which Ribbentrop said would never fight, the Nazis are besieged by land and water. Their ships are swept from the seas, their mighty army pinned on the Siegfried Line, and their civilian population and industry are at wit's end to maintain themselves against slow but sure strangulation."

The Brazilian paper, "O Jornal," referring to the Welles mission, points out the impossibility of Allied negotiations with the Munich perjurer and a repeatedly faithless government.

Stockholm's Precautions

Telephones Cut Off To "Stop Rumours".

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Telephone communication between Stockholm and a number of foreign capitals, including London, was interrupted at the Swedish end to-night.

In Copenhagen, "Reuter" was told that calls to Stockholm had stopped "because the Government does not want sensational rumours published about the situation."

Ultimatum Report

The word "situation", it is assumed, refers to rumours of Swedish mediation in Finland.

A later report on this matter comes from the Paris radio, which states that the Soviets have presented Finland with an ultimatum expiring at noon to-morrow.

No corroboration of this is available elsewhere.

Turks Shoot Down Plane

Bulgarian Machine Violates Territory

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 7 (UP).—It is officially announced that Turkish anti-aircraft batteries to-day shot down a Bulgarian plane.

The Bulgarian machine was flying over Turkish territory.

RUSSO-RUMANIAN PACT REPORTS

BUCHAREST, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—The arrival of M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, has caused great excitement in diplomatic channels.

The object of the visit is reported to be the signing of a Non-Aggression Pact between Rumania and Russia.

Official circles maintain a discreet silence in this regard.

Three Nominees For S.M.C. Seat

SHANGHAI, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—Nomination of the third American candidate in Municipal Council posts makes necessary a primary election soon in the American community.

A few nominee is Mr. N. F. Allman. Others are R. T. McDonnell and J. W. Carney.

If there are more nominees, an election campaign is possible.

Monday is the nomination deadline.

CORONEL, Chile, Mar. 7 (UP).—Twenty people were killed and many more are missing following an explosion in the Schwager coal mines.

CORRESPONDENT ON TRIAL

TOKYO, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—The public trial of James R. Young, the Far Eastern Representative of the International News Service on charges of fabricating and circulating rumours will open on Monday at the local court, it is announced to-day.

The Procurators Office of the Tokyo District Court is reported by the Japanese Press to have collected sufficient proof to substantiate the charges against the American journalist, who has been held since January 21.

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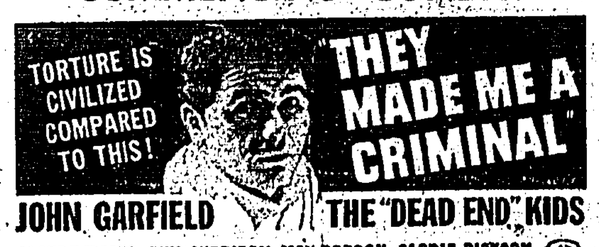

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